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ABSTRACT

A 14.22-percent-thick, slotted, natural-laminar-flow (SNLF) airfoil, the S414, intended for rotorcraft applications has been designed and analyzed theoretically and verified experimentally in The Pennsylvania State University Low-Speed, Low-Turbulence Wind Tunnel. The two primary objectives of high maximum lift and low profile drag have been achieved. The constraint on the airfoil thickness has been satisfied. The airfoil exhibits an abrupt stall. Comparisons of the theoretical and experimental results show good agreement overall. Comparisons with the S406 and S411 airfoils, which have similar design specifications, confirm the achievement of the objectives.

INTRODUCTION

Blade profile drag is a major contributor to the total vehicle drag for most rotorcraft. In general, to maximize rotor lift-to-drag ratio for low-speed flight, the following figure of merit FOM should be maximized:

$$FOM = \frac{c_{l, \text{max}}}{c_{d, \text{cruise}}}$$

where $c_{l,max}$ is the section maximum lift coefficient for the retreating blade and $c_{d,cruise}$ is the cruise section profile-drag coefficient for the advancing blade. (See ref. 1.) (Note that the figure of merit is expressed in terms of section (i.e., airfoil) characteristics, not aircraft characteristics.) The figure of merit can be interpreted as follows. Increasing maximum lift coefficient delays the onset of stall-flutter on the retreating blade, subject to the constraints of roll trim. Decreasing section profile-drag coefficient reduces the profile drag of the advancing blade. This figure of merit applies to almost all classes of aircraft. For high-speed flight, the figure of merit reduces to $1/\sqrt{c_{d,cruise}}$. (See ref. 2.)

Three approaches have become accepted for the reduction of profile drag. One approach is to employ a high-lift system (e.g., leading-edge slat plus double- or triple-slotted, Fowler flap) to achieve a higher maximum lift coefficient. (See, for example, ref. 3.) This approach has several disadvantages. Almost no laminar flow can be achieved because of the disturbances introduced by the slat, which results in a high section profile-drag coefficient. High-lift systems also usually generate large, negative pitching-moment coefficients. Such systems are complex, both mechanically and structurally, resulting in higher weight and cost. This approach has been adopted for the wings of all current transport aircraft. Active high-lift systems (e.g., blown flaps and circulation control) have demonstrated very high lift coefficients, but the cost, complexity, and potentially disastrous failure modes have prevented their adoption in production aircraft.

A second approach is to employ a natural-laminar-flow (NLF) airfoil to achieve a lower profile-drag coefficient. (See, for example, ref. 4.) By appropriate airfoil shaping, extensive (≥ 30-percent chord) laminar flow can be achieved on both the upper and lower surfaces. The extent of laminar flow is limited to about 70-percent chord by the pressure-

recovery gradient along the aft portion of the airfoil. The recovery gradient becomes steeper as the extent of the favorable pressure gradient along the forward portion of the airfoil increases, eventually reaching a limit beyond which trailing-edge separation occurs, resulting in a lower maximum lift coefficient and, correspondingly, a lower figure of merit. Leading-edge sweep and radial pressure gradients also restrict the extent of laminar flow because they introduce crossflow instabilities that lead to transition. This approach can provide a blade profile-drag reduction of about 50 percent compared to a conventional, turbulent-flow blade and has been adopted for the wings of most current general-aviation aircraft, including business jets, as well as unmanned aerial vehicles and all sailplanes. It does, however, require more stringent construction techniques.

A third approach is to employ a laminar-flow-control (LFC) airfoil to achieve a lower profile-drag coefficient. (See, for example, ref. 5.) By incorporating suction through porous or slotted, blade skins, 100-percent-chord laminar flow can be achieved on both the upper and lower surfaces. LFC systems are very complex, mechanically, structurally, and operationally, resulting in higher weight and cost. This approach can provide a blade profile-drag reduction of about 75 percent compared to a conventional, turbulent-flow blade but has yet to be adopted for any production aircraft, fixed- or rotary-wing.

For the present effort, a new approach, called a slotted, natural-laminar-flow (SNLF) airfoil (ref. 6), is employed. The SNLF airfoil concept is similar in nature to the slotted, supercritical airfoil concept (ref. 7), in that it employs a slot to allow a pressure recovery that would not be possible for a single-element airfoil.

Almost all airfoils in use on rotorcraft today were developed, however, under the assumption that extensive laminar flow is not likely on a rotor. (See ref. 8, for example.) For the present application, however, given the low Reynolds numbers, the achievement of laminar flow warrants exploration, acknowledging that questions remain about the effects of sweep and radial pressure gradients.

The airfoil designed under the present effort is intended for the rotor of a small helicopter having a torsionally stiff blade capable of handling much larger pitching moments than historically accepted. To complement the design effort, an investigation was conducted in The Pennsylvania State University Low-Speed, Low-Turbulence Wind Tunnel (ref. 9) to obtain the basic, low-speed, two-dimensional aerodynamic characteristics of the airfoil. The results have been compared with predictions from the method of reference 10. The results have also been compared with those for the S406 and S411 airfoils (refs. 11 and 12, respectively), which have similar design specifications.

SYMBOLS

Values are given in both SI and U.S. Customary Units. Measurements and calculations were made in U.S. Customary Units.

- C_p pressure coefficient, $\frac{p_l p_{\infty}}{q_{\infty}}$
- c airfoil chord, mm (in.)
- c_c section chord-force coefficient, $\oint C_p d\left(\frac{z}{c}\right)$
- $c_d \qquad \qquad \text{section profile-drag coefficient,} \qquad \int\limits_{Wake} c_d \text{'d} \left(\frac{h}{c}\right) \text{, except post stall,}$ $c_n \sin \alpha + c_c \cos \alpha \qquad \qquad Wake$
- c_d' point drag coefficient (ref. 13)
- c_l section lift coefficient, $c_n/\cos\alpha c_d\tan\alpha$
- c_m section pitching-moment coefficient about quarter-chord point,

$$-\oint C_p \left(\frac{x}{c} - 0.25\right) d\left(\frac{x}{c}\right) + \oint C_p \left(\frac{z}{c}\right) d\left(\frac{z}{c}\right)$$

- c_n section normal-force coefficient, $-\oint C_p d\left(\frac{x}{c}\right)$
- h horizontal width in wake profile, mm (in.)
- M free-stream Mach number
- p static pressure, Pa (lbf/ft²)
- q dynamic pressure, Pa (lbf/ft²)
- R Reynolds number based on free-stream conditions and airfoil chord
- t airfoil thickness, mm (in.)
- x airfoil abscissa, mm (in.)
- y model span station, y = 0 at midspan, mm (in.)
- z airfoil ordinate, mm (in.)

α angle of attack relative to x-axis, deg

Subscripts:

ae aft element

l local point on airfoil

ll lower limit of low-drag range

max maximum

min minimum

ul upper limit of low-drag range

0 zero lift

∞ free-stream conditions

Abbreviation:

SNLF slotted, natural laminar flow

AIRFOIL DESIGN

OBJECTIVES AND CONSTRAINTS

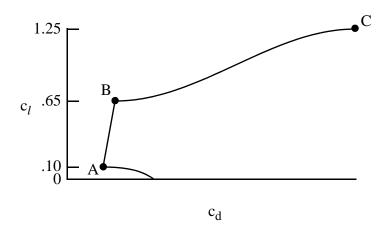
The airfoil design specifications are contained in table I. Two primary objectives are evident. The first objective is to achieve a maximum lift coefficient of 1.25 at a Mach number of 0.30 and a Reynolds number of 0.97×10^6 and a maximum lift coefficient of 1.20 at a Mach number of 0.40 and a Reynolds number of 1.29×10^6 . A requirement related to this objective is that the maximum lift coefficient not decrease significantly with transition fixed near the leading edge on both surfaces. In addition, the airfoil should exhibit docile stall characteristics. The second objective is to obtain low profile-drag coefficients from a lift coefficient of 0.10 at a Mach number of 0.70 and a Reynolds number of 2.26×10^6 to a lift coefficient of 0.65 at a Mach number of 0.45 and a Reynolds number of 1.45×10^6 .

One major constraint was placed on the design of the airfoil. The airfoil thickness should equal about 14-percent chord.

The specifications for this airfoil are similar to those for the S406 airfoil (ref. 11) and identical to those for the S411 airfoil (ref. 12), but with no constraint on the zero-lift pitching-moment coefficient.

PHILOSOPHY

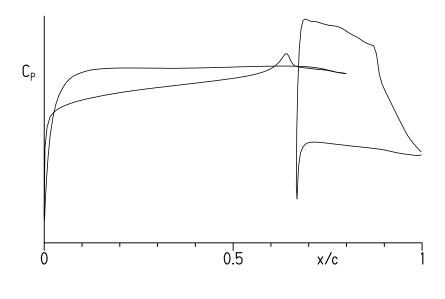
Given the above objectives and constraints, certain characteristics of the design are apparent. The following sketch illustrates a drag polar that meets the goals for this design.



Sketch 1

The desired airfoil shape can be traced to the pressure distributions that occur at the various points in sketch 1. Point A is the lower limit of the low-drag range of lift coefficients; point B, the upper limit. The drag coefficient increases rapidly outside the low-drag, lift-coefficient range because boundary-layer transition moves quickly toward the leading edge with increasing (or decreasing) lift coefficient. This feature results in a leading edge that produces a suction peak at higher lift coefficients, which ensures that transition on the upper surface will occur very near the leading edge. Thus, the maximum lift coefficient, point C, occurs with turbulent flow along the entire upper surface and, therefore, should be relatively insensitive to roughness at the leading edge.

A two-element airfoil concept is used to meet the design specifications. The pressure distribution near the middle of the low-drag, lift-coefficient range is illustrated in sketch 2.



Sketch 2

Because the aft element eliminates the requirement that the pressure at the trailing edge of the fore element recover to free stream (see ref. 14), the favorable pressure gradient can extend farther aft. For the slotted, natural-laminar-flow (SNLF) airfoil concept, the favorable gradient extends along both surfaces of the fore element to near its trailing edge. Thus, the fore element is entirely laminar. (The relatively low Reynolds number allows the laminar flow to survive the short, adverse pressure gradient on the lower surface at about 65-percent chord.) The aft element then provides the necessary recovery to free-stream pressure. Because the wake of the fore element does not impinge on the aft element and because of its low Reynolds number, the aft element can also achieve significant extents of laminar flow.

The SNLF airfoil concept allows the natural laminar flow to be extended beyond the limit previously discussed. Thus, the concept exhibits low section profile-drag coefficients without having to resort to the complexity and cost of laminar flow control. The concept also achieves a high maximum lift coefficient without variable geometry (i.e., the aft element need not be deflected). The SNLF airfoil shape is not radically different from conventional airfoil shapes—no more than conventional, natural-laminar-flow airfoil shapes are from conventional, turbulent-flow airfoil shapes. Unlike conventional airfoils with slotted flaps, however, the SNLF airfoil has no nested configuration; the slot between the fore and aft elements is always open.

EXECUTION

The Eppler Airfoil Design and Analysis Code (refs. 15 and 16), a subcritical, single-element code, was used to design the initial fore- and aft-element shapes. The MSES code (ref. 10), a transonic, multielement code, was used to refine the fore-element shape in the two-element configuration.

The airfoil is designated the S414. The airfoil shape is shown in figure 1. The airfoil coordinates are available from Airfoils, Incorporated. The airfoil thickness is 14.22-percent chord, which satisfies the design constraint.

Because the test Reynolds numbers and particularly the test Mach numbers are much lower than the operational values of the intended application, the airfoil had to be modified for the wind-tunnel test. The modification was restricted to the aft half of the lower surface of the fore element; the aft element was not modified. The design and test airfoil shapes are compared in figure 1. The test shape is thinner around the entry to the slot.

THEORETICAL PROCEDURE

The theoretical results are predicted using the method of reference 10. A critical amplification factor of 9 was specified for the computations. Note that the method of reference 10 does not model the effect of Görtler instabilities (ref. 17) on the laminar boundary layer. A cursory evaluation of this effect indicates that these instabilities will not lead to transition in the concave region of the lower surface of the fore element.

Because the free-stream Mach number for all wind-tunnel test conditions did not exceed 0.2, the flow can be considered essentially incompressible for the purpose of comparing the theoretical and experimental results. This allows the fast, subcritical flow solver of the method of reference 10 to be used.

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

WIND TUNNEL

The Pennsylvania State University Low-Speed, Low-Turbulence Wind Tunnel (ref. 9) is a closed-throat, single-return, atmospheric tunnel (fig. 2). The test section is 101.3 cm (39.9 in.) high by 147.6 cm (58.1 in.) wide (fig. 3). Electrically actuated turntables provide positioning and attachment for the two-dimensional model. The turntables are flush with the top and bottom tunnel walls and rotate with the model. The axis of rotation coincided with 0.42 chord. The model was mounted vertically between the turntables and the gaps between the model and the turntables were sealed. The turbulence intensity in the test section is approximately 0.05 percent at 46 m/s (150 ft/s).

MODEL

The aluminum, wind-tunnel model was fabricated by Advanced Technologies, Incorporated, Newport News, Virginia, using a numerically controlled milling machine. The model had a chord of 457.2 mm (18.00 in.) and a span of 107.95 cm (42.50 in.) and, thus, extended through both turntables. Upper- and lower-surface orifices were located to one side of midspan at the staggered positions listed in table II. All the orifices were 0.51 mm (0.020 in.) in diameter with their axes perpendicular to the surface. The surfaces of the model were sanded to ensure an aerodynamically smooth finish. The measured model contour was within 0.13 mm (0.005 in.) of the prescribed shape.

WAKE-SURVEY PROBE

A total- and static-pressure, wake-survey probe (fig. 4) was mounted from the top tunnel wall (fig. 3). The probe was positioned 57.2 cm (22.5 in.) from the ceiling and automatically aligned with the wake-centerline streamline. A traverse mechanism incrementally positioned the probe to survey the wake. The increment was 1.27 mm (0.050 in.) for traverses less than 254.0 mm (10.00 in.) and 2.54 mm (0.100 in.) for longer traverses, which were occasionally required near the maximum lift coefficient. The tip of the probe was located 0.7 chord downstream of the trailing edge of the model.

INSTRUMENTATION

Basic tunnel pressures and the wake pressures were measured with precision transducers. Measurements of the pressures on the model were made by an automatic pressure-scanning system utilizing precision transducers. Data were obtained and recorded by an electronic data-acquisition system.

METHODS

The pressures measured on the model were reduced to standard pressure coefficients and numerically integrated to obtain section normal-force and chord-force coefficients and section pitching-moment coefficients about the quarter-chord point. Section profile-drag coefficients were computed from the wake total and static pressures by the method of reference 13. Wake surveys were not performed, however, at most post-stall angles of attack, in which case, the profile-drag coefficients were computed from the normal- and chord-force coefficients.

Standard, low-speed, wind-tunnel boundary corrections (ref. 18) have been applied to the data. The wake-survey-probe total-pressure-tube displacement correction (ref. 13) has been taken into account.

TESTS

The model was tested at Reynolds numbers based on airfoil chord of 0.50×10^6 , 0.70×10^6 , 1.00×10^6 , and 1.50×10^6 with transition free (smooth) and with transition fixed by roughness at 2-percent chord on the upper surface and by serrated tape (ref. 19) at 10-percent chord on the lower surface of the fore element, where the chord is the total chord of the model. The model was also tested with transition fixed on the fore element and with transition fixed by serrated tape at 5-percent chord on the upper surface and 10-percent chord on the lower surface of the aft element, where the chord is the chord of the aft element. The grit roughness was sized near the maximum lift coefficient using the method of reference 20. The grit was sparsely distributed along 3-mm (0.1-in.) wide strips applied to the model with lacquer. The thickness of the serrated tape was determined empirically on each surface for each Reynolds number by increasing the thickness until transition moved forward to the vicinity of the tape, as verified by stethoscope measurements (ref. 5). (See table III.) The thickness on the lower surface of the fore element was determined at an angle of attack of 10° to ensure turbulent flow through the slot, even at high lift coefficients. The thickness on the aft element was determined in the middle of the low-drag, lift-coefficient range.

The Mach number did not exceed 0.2 for any test condition. Thus, the test Mach numbers are much lower than the operational values of the intended application.

Starting from 0° , the angle of attack was increased to post-stall values. The angle of attack was then decreased from 0° to below that for zero lift.

For several test runs, the model surfaces were coated with oil to determine the location as well as the nature of the boundary-layer transition from laminar to turbulent flow and the location of turbulent separation (ref. 21). Oil-flow visualization was also used to verify the two-dimensionality of the flow. In addition, acoustic measurements (ref. 5) were used to confirm the transition locations.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

THEORETICAL RESULTS

Pressure Distributions

The pressure distributions for the design airfoil shape predicted using the method of reference 10 at various angles of attack at three of the design conditions are shown in figure 5.

Section Characteristics

The section characteristics of the design airfoil shape at all four design conditions with transition free and with transition fixed on the fore and aft elements are shown in figure 6.

Based on the predictions, all the design objectives and constraints have been met, except that for the lower limit of the low-drag, lift-coefficient range, which is higher than specified.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Pressure Distributions

The pressure distributions for the test airfoil shape measured at various angles of attack for a Reynolds number of 1.00×10^6 and a Mach number of 0.10 with transition free are shown in figure 7. At an angle of attack of -4.09° (fig. 7(a)), a pressure peak is present on the lower surface of the fore element whereas a favorable pressure gradient extends along the upper surface almost to the trailing edge of the fore element. An adverse pressure gradient occurs along the forward half of the upper surface of the aft element and along essentially the entire lower surface. A short laminar separation bubble, typical of the low Reynolds number of the aft element ($\approx 0.3 \times 10^6$), is discernible on the upper surface around 88-percent chord (i.e., 65 percent of the chord of the aft element) despite the turbulent flow on the lower surface of the fore element. As the angle of attack is increased, the pressure peak on the lower surface of the fore element decreases in magnitude. At an angle of attack of -3.07° (fig. 7(b)), which corresponds approximately to the lower limit of the low-drag, lift-coefficient range, the laminar flow survives the peak and the pressure distribution on the lower surface of the fore element around the slot entry is smoother. At an angle of attack of -2.06° (fig. 7(c)), the peak has almost disappeared and the pressure gradients on both surfaces of the fore element are slightly favorable. As the angle of attack is increased further, the pressure gradient along the majority of the upper surface of the fore element becomes flat (fig. 7(d)) and then increasingly adverse (figs. 7(e) and 7(f)). The pressure distributions within the low-drag range suggest that the flow on both surfaces of the fore element is completely laminar. This was confirmed by oil-flow visualization and acoustic measurements. At an angle of attack of 2.02° (fig. 7(g)), which corresponds to the upper limit of the low-drag range, the gradient on the upper surface of the fore element is still insufficiently adverse to cause transition to move forward significantly. As the angle of attack is increased even further, the pressure peak on the upper surface of the fore element becomes sharper and moves forward (figs. 7(h)-7(r)) until, at an angle of attack of 14.23° (fig. 7(s)), it reaches the leading edge. As the angle of attack is increased still further, the leading-edge peak increases in magnitude (figs. 7(t) and 7(u)). The maximum lift coefficient occurs at an angle of attack of 16.24° (fig. 7(u)). As the angle of attack is increased further, the peak collapses and three fourths of the upper surface of the fore element is separated (figs. 7(v)-7(x)); the upper surface of the aft element remains attached, however. The pressure distribution on the aft element changes little with angle of attack, except through stall (figs. 7(u) and 7(v)), because the incoming flow angle for the aft element is fixed by the fore element.

Section Characteristics

The section characteristics of the test airfoil shape with transition free, with transition fixed on the fore element only, and with transition fixed on the fore and aft elements are

shown in figure 8 and tabulated in the appendix. For a Reynolds number of 1.00×10^6 and a Mach number of 0.10 with transition free (fig. 8(c)), the maximum lift coefficient is 1.85. The stall characteristics are abrupt. For a Reynolds number of 1.50×10^6 and a Mach number of 0.17 with transition free (fig. 8(d)), the lower limit of the low-drag, lift-coefficient range is 0.05, the upper limit is 0.58, and the zero-lift pitching-moment coefficient is -0.124.

The unusual shape of the drag polars, particularly noticeable around the lower limit of the low-drag range for lower Reynolds numbers, is probably the result of an interaction between the wake of the fore element and the laminar separation bubble on the upper surface of the aft element. As the angle of attack approaches the lower or upper limit, transition occurs near the trailing edge of the fore element. The resulting turbulence probably alleviates the laminar separation bubble on the upper surface of the aft element, reducing the drag. Oil-flow visualization shows that the length of the bubble decreases toward the lower limit of the low-drag range.

The effects of Reynolds number on the section characteristics are summarized in figure 9. In general, the lift-curve slope, the maximum lift coefficient, the lower limit of the low-drag range, and the magnitude of the pitching-moment coefficients, including the zero-lift value, increase with increasing Reynolds number. The upper limit of the low-drag range and the profile-drag coefficients decrease with increasing Reynolds number. The zero-lift angle of attack is relatively unaffected by Reynolds number.

The effect of fixing transition on the section characteristics is shown in figure 8. In general, the zero-lift angle of attack and the stall characteristics are relatively unaffected by fixing transition, whereas the lift-curve slope and the magnitude of the pitching-moment coefficients, including the zero-lift value, decrease with transition fixed. The latter results are primarily a consequence of the boundary-layer displacement effect, which decambers the airfoil because the displacement thickness is greater with transition fixed than with transition free. The effect of fixing transition on the maximum lift coefficient is small, varying from a decrease of less than 4 percent to an increase of less than 2 percent. The effect is caused primarily by fixing transition on the fore element. The drag coefficients are, of course, generally affected adversely by the trips.

It should be noted that, for almost all test conditions, the Reynolds number based on local velocity and boundary-layer displacement thickness at the trip locations is too low to support turbulent flow. (See ref. 22.) Accordingly, to force transition, the trip must be so large that it increases the displacement thickness, which abnormally decreases the lift coefficient and the magnitude of the pitching-moment coefficient and increases the drag coefficient. Conversely, at low lift coefficients, the grit roughness on the upper surface of the fore element, which is sized for high lift coefficients, is too small to force transition, resulting in incorrectly low drag coefficients.

The variations of maximum lift coefficient and minimum profile-drag coefficient with Reynolds number are shown in figures 10 and 11, respectively. The maximum lift coefficient increases with increasing Reynolds number, whereas the minimum profile-drag coefficient decreases, which are typical trends for most airfoils.

COMPARISON OF THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Pressure Distributions

The comparison of the theoretical and experimental pressure distributions for the test airfoil shape at various angles of attack for a Reynolds number of 1.00×10^6 and a Mach number of 0.10 with transition free is shown in figure 12. At a lift coefficient of 0.28 (fig. 12(a)), which is near the middle of the low-drag range, the agreement between the predicted and measured pressure coefficients and pressure gradients is good. The predicted location of the laminar separation bubble on the upper surface of the aft element is slightly aft of the measured location. At a lift coefficient of 1.04 (fig. 12(b)), the agreement is less precise, particularly with respect to the pressure gradients on the upper surface of the fore element. The predicted locations of the laminar separation bubbles on the upper surfaces of the fore and aft elements are aft of the measured locations. At a lift coefficient of 1.85 (fig. 12(c)), which is the measured maximum lift coefficient, the agreement is worse but still remarkably good, considering the complexity of the configuration.

Section Characteristics

The comparison of the theoretical and experimental section characteristics of the test airfoil shape with transition free is shown in figure 13. In general, the method of reference 10 overpredicts the lift-curve slope, the maximum lift coefficient, the profile-drag coefficients, the upper limit of the low-drag range, and the magnitudes of the zero-lift angle of attack and the pitching-moment coefficients, including the zero-lift value. The overprediction of the maximum lift coefficient decreases from 13 percent for a Reynolds number of 0.50×10^6 to 5 percent for a Reynolds number of 1.50×10^6 . The severity of the stall characteristics is underpredicted. Overall, however, the agreement is good, especially considering the complexity of the configuration.

The comparisons of the theoretical and experimental section characteristics with transition fixed on the fore element only and with transition fixed on the fore and aft elements are shown in figures 14 and 15, respectively. In general, the predicted characteristics show similar tendencies as with transition free, although the overall agreement is poorer, probably because of the abnormalities introduced by the trips, as discussed previously.

COMPARISON WITH S406 AND S411 AIRFOILS

The experimental section characteristics of the S414 airfoil for a Reynolds number of 1.0×10^6 and a Mach number of 0.1 with transition free are compared with those of the S406 and S411 airfoils, which have similar design specifications, in figure 16. The S414 airfoil exhibits profile-drag coefficients comparable to those of the S406 airfoil, which are lower than those of the S411 airfoil, but also substantially more negative pitching-moment coefficients and abrupt stall characteristics. The maximum lift coefficients and the profile-drag coefficients at a lift coefficient of 0.4 are compared in figures 17 and 18, respectively. The

maximum lift coefficient of the S414 airfoil with transition free is about 30-percent higher for a Reynolds number of 0.5×10^6 , increasing to over 50-percent higher for a Reynolds number of 1.5×10^6 .

CONCLUDING REMARKS

A 14.22-percent-thick, slotted, natural-laminar-flow (SNLF) airfoil, the S414, intended for rotorcraft applications has been designed and analyzed theoretically and verified experimentally in The Pennsylvania State University Low-Speed, Low-Turbulence Wind Tunnel. The two primary objectives of a high maximum lift coefficient and low profile-drag coefficients have been achieved. The constraint on the airfoil thickness has been satisfied. The airfoil exhibits abrupt stall characteristics. Comparisons of the theoretical and experimental results show good agreement overall. Comparisons with the S406 and S411 airfoils, which have similar design specifications, confirm the achievement of the objectives.

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TABLE I.- AIRFOIL DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

Parameter	Objective/ Constraint	Mach Number M	Reynolds Number R	Priority
Minimum lift coefficient $c_{l,\min}$	0.00	0.70	2.26×10^{6}	Low
Maximum lift coefficient $c_{l,max}$	1.25 1.20	0.30 0.40	$0.97 \times 10^6 \\ 1.29 \times 10^6$	High
Lower limit of low-drag, lift-coefficient range $c_{l,ll}$	0.10	0.70	2.26×10^6	Medium
Upper limit of low-drag, lift-coefficient range c _{l,ul}	0.65	0.45	1.45×10^6	Medium
Zero-lift pitching-moment coefficient $c_{m,0}$	_			
Thickness t/c	0.14			Medium

Other:

Maximum lift coefficient $c_{l,max}$ independent of leading-edge roughness Docile stall characteristics

Objectives and constraints identical to those for S411 airfoil without $\,c_{m,0}\,$ constraint

TABLE II.- MODEL ORIFICE LOCATIONS

[c = 457.2 mm (18.00 in.)]

(a) Fore element

Upper Surface		Low	Lower Surface		
x/c	y, mm (in.)	x/c	y, mm (in.)		
0.00000	-144.38 (-5.684)	0.00181	-162.13 (-6.383)		
.00347	-143.59 (-5.653)	.00838	-161.08 (-6.342)		
.01305	-142.39 (-5.606)	.01954	-159.92 (-6.296)		
.02985	-140.84 (-5.545)	.03424	-158.84 (-6.253)		
.05304	-138.83 (-5.466)	.05304	-156.96 (-6.179)		
.08189	-136.15 (-5.360)	.07597	-154.83 (-6.096)		
.11621	-133.43 (-5.253)	.10166	-152.61 (-6.008)		
.15578	-130.33 (-5.131)	.13193	-150.15 (-5.911)		
.19969	-126.61 (-4.985)	.16390	-147.25 (-5.797)		
.24657	-122.77 (-4.833)	.19995	-144.29 (-5.681)		
.29549	-119.10 (-4.689)	.23707	-141.18 (-5.558)		
.34643	-114.78 (-4.519)	.27585	-137.95 (-5.431)		
.39953	-110.24 (-4.340)	.31623	-134.59 (-5.299)		
.45228	-105.83 (-4.167)	.35727	-130.88 (-5.153)		
.50313	-101.51 (-3.997)	.39923	-127.51 (-5.020)		
.55229	-97.43 (-3.836)	.44062	-124.01 (-4.882)		
.59958	-93.68 (-3.688)	.48222	-120.44 (-4.742)		
.64303	-90.08 (-3.546)	.52258	-117.09 (-4.610)		
.68101	-86.64 (-3.411)	.56177	-113.69 (-4.476)		
.71553	-83.92 (-3.304)	.59906	-110.62 (-4.355)		
.74485	-81.57 (-3.212)	.61014	-109.70 (-4.319)		
.76808	-79.42 (-3.127)	.62182	-108.66 (-4.278)		
.78518	-77.99 (-3.071)	.63398	-107.74 (-4.242)		
.79502	-76.99 (-3.031)	.64402	-106.53 (-4.194)		
.79896	-75.92 (-2.989)	.65521	-105.69 (-4.161)		
		.66644	-104.73 (-4.123)		
		.67630	-103.99 (-4.094)		
		.68618	-103.20 (-4.063)		
		.69599	-102.32 (-4.028)		
		.72232	-100.17 (-3.944)		
		.74522	-98.25 (-3.868)		
		.76401	-96.39 (-3.795) -94.96 (-3.739)		
		.77908	-94.96 (-3.739) -94.00 (-3.701)		
		.78934 .79559	-94.00 (-3.701) -92.90 (-3.657)		
		.19339	-92.90 (-3.037)		

TABLE II.- Concluded

(b) Aft element

Upper Surface		Lower Surface		
x/c	y, mm (in.)	x/c	y, mm (in.)	
0.66747	-125.27 (-4.932)	0.67390	-123.42 (-4.859)	
.67055	-124.17 (-4.889)	.69391	-121.69 (-4.791)	
.67980	-123.29 (-4.854)	.72442	-118.96 (-4.684)	
.69643	-121.71 (-4.792)	.76454	-115.76 (-4.557)	
.71879	-119.82 (-4.718)	.80994	-112.05 (-4.411)	
.74656	-117.35 (-4.620)	.85722	-107.86 (-4.246)	
.77855	-114.72 (-4.516)	.90259	-104.27 (-4.105)	
.81243	-111.83 (-4.403)	.94270	-100.89 (-3.972)	
.84673	-108.97 (-4.290)	.97337	-98.35 (-3.872)	
.86526	-107.38 (-4.228)	.99309	-96.38 (-3.794)	
.88215	-106.06 (-4.176)			
.89313	-105.04 (-4.136)			
.90370	-104.16 (-4.101)			
.91469	-103.22 (-4.064)			
.92890	-102.16 (-4.022)			
.94272	-100.90 (-3.972)			
.96770	-98.82 (-3.890)			
.98537	-97.33 (-3.832)			
.99591	-96.37 (-3.794)			
1.00000	-95.50 (-3.760)			

TABLE III.- TRIP LOCATIONS AND SIZES

(a) Fore element

	Upper surface		Lower surface		
R	x/c	Grit number	Nominal size, mm (in.)	x/c	Serrated-tape thickness, mm (in.)
0.50×10^{6}		80	0.211 (0.0083)		0.572 (0.0225)
0.70×10^6	0.02	90	0.178 (0.0070)	0.10	0.457 (0.0180)
1.00×10^6		120	0.124 (0.0049)	0.10	0.437 (0.0180)
1.50×10^6		180	0.089 (0.0035)		0.343 (0.0135)

(b) Aft element

	Upper surface		Lower surface		
R	(x/c) _{ae}	Serrated-tape thickness, mm (in.)	± (X/(*)		
0.50×10^{6}		0.343 (0.0135)	0.10	0.686 (0.0270)	
0.70×10^6	0.05	0.191 (0.0075)			
1.00×10^{6}		0.114 (0.0045)		0.610 (0.0240)	
1.50×10^{6}		0.064 (0.0025)		0.457 (0.0180)	

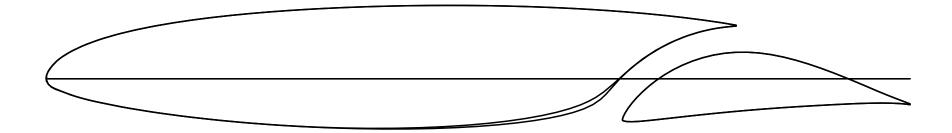


Figure 1.- S414 design and test airfoil shapes.

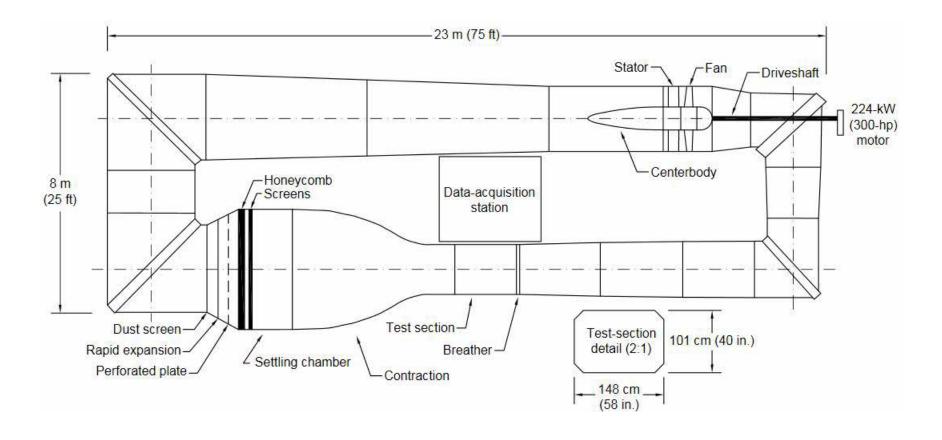


Figure 2.- The Pennsylvania State University Low-Speed, Low-Turbulence Wind Tunnel.



Figure 3.- S414 airfoil model and wake-survey probe mounted in test section.

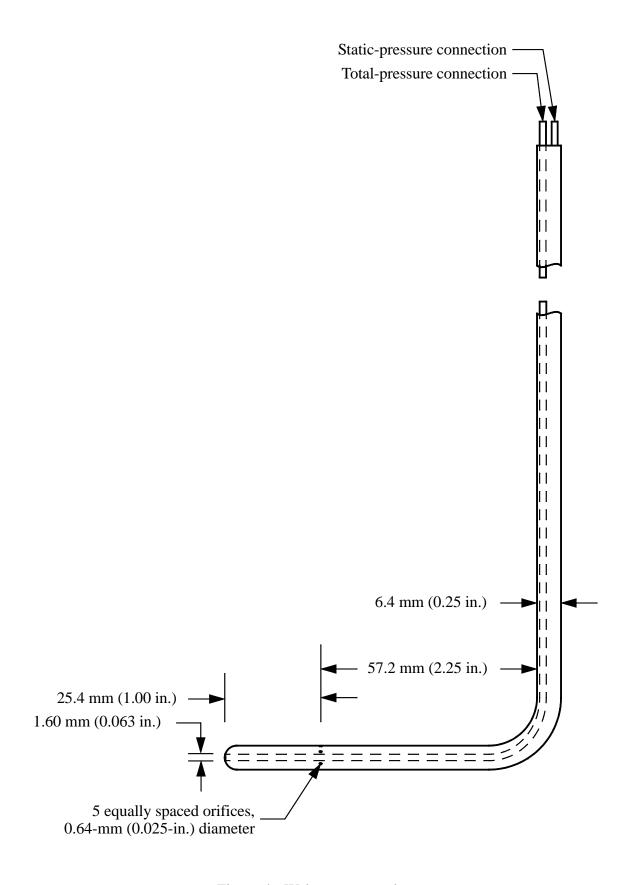


Figure 4.- Wake-survey probe.

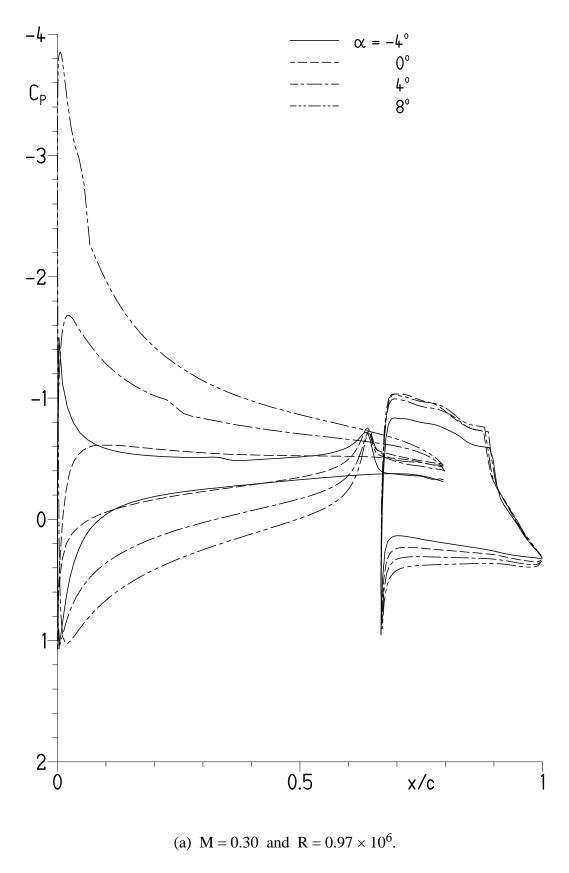
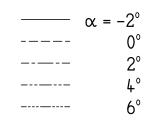
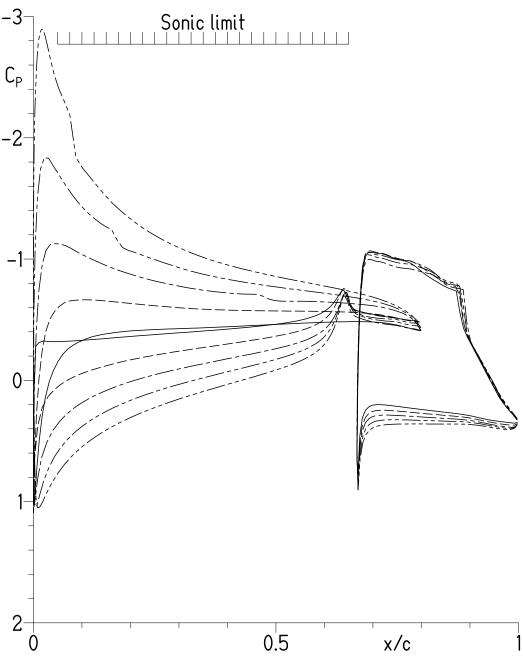


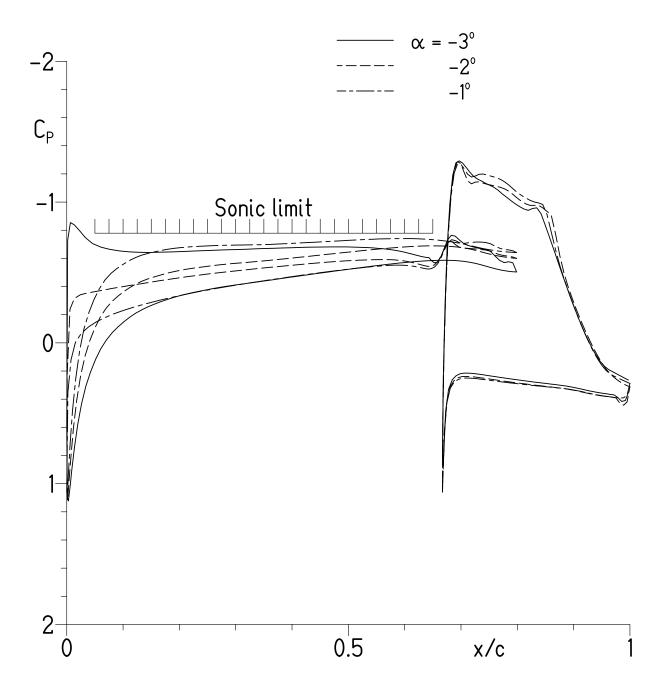
Figure 5.- Theoretical pressure distributions for design airfoil shape.





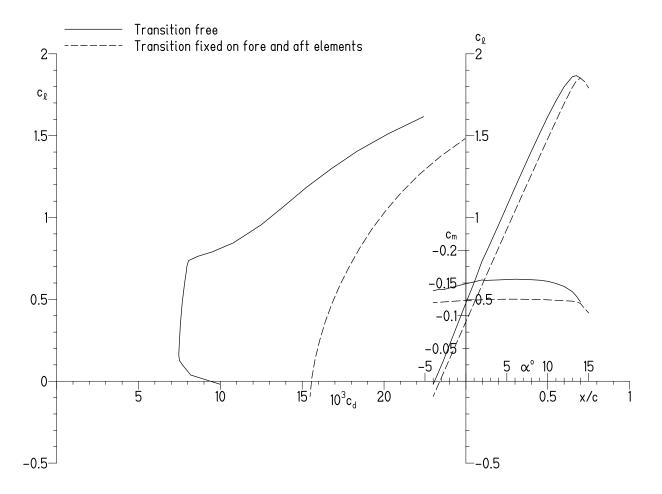
(b) M = 0.45 and $R = 1.45 \times 10^6$.

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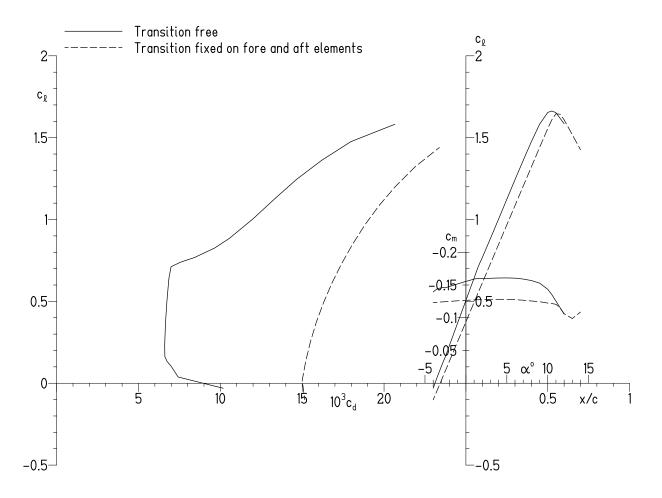
(c) M = 0.70 and $R = 2.26 \times 10^6$.

Figure 5.- Concluded.



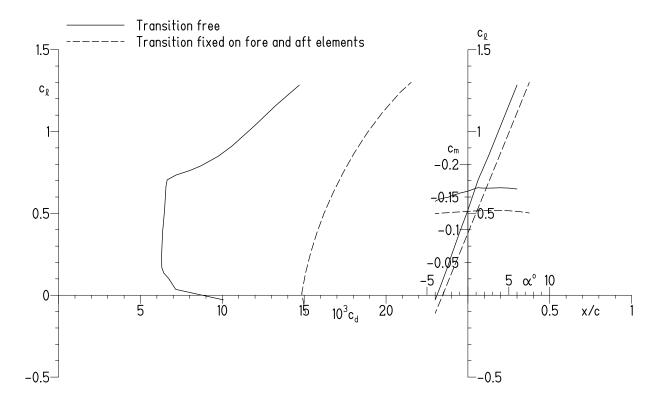
(a) M = 0.30 and $R = 0.97 \times 10^6$.

Figure 6.- Theoretical section characteristics of design airfoil shape.



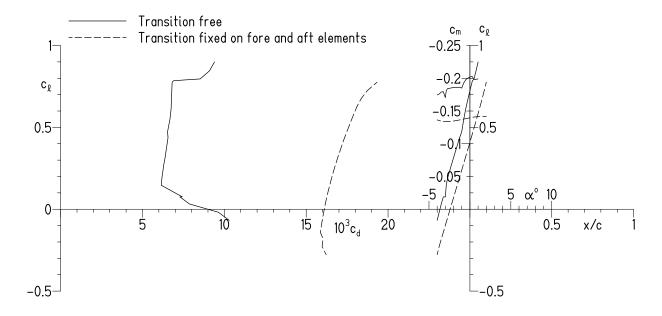
(b)
$$M = 0.40$$
 and $R = 1.29 \times 10^6$.

Figure 6.- Continued.



(c) M = 0.45 and $R = 1.45 \times 10^6$.

Figure 6.- Continued.



(d) M = 0.70 and $R = 2.26 \times 10^6$.

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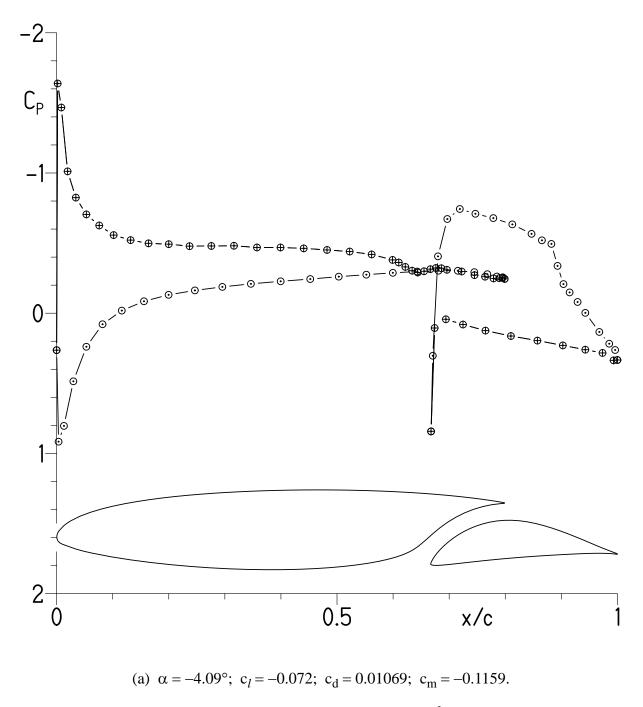
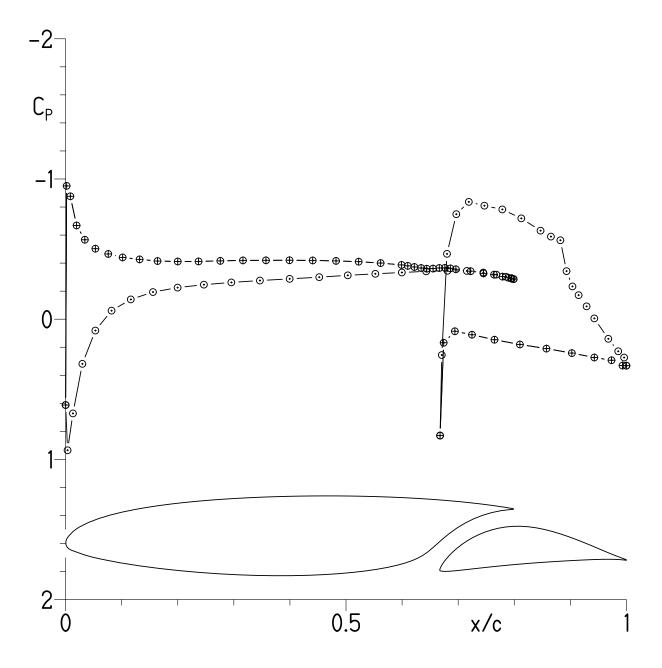
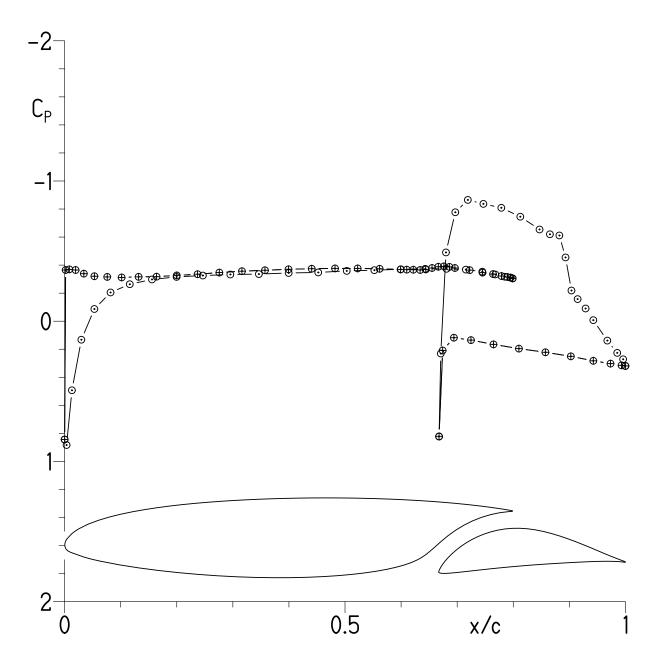


Figure 7.- Experimental pressure distributions for $R = 1.00 \times 10^6$ and M = 0.10 with transition free. Open symbols represent data for upper surface; crossed symbols, data for lower surface.



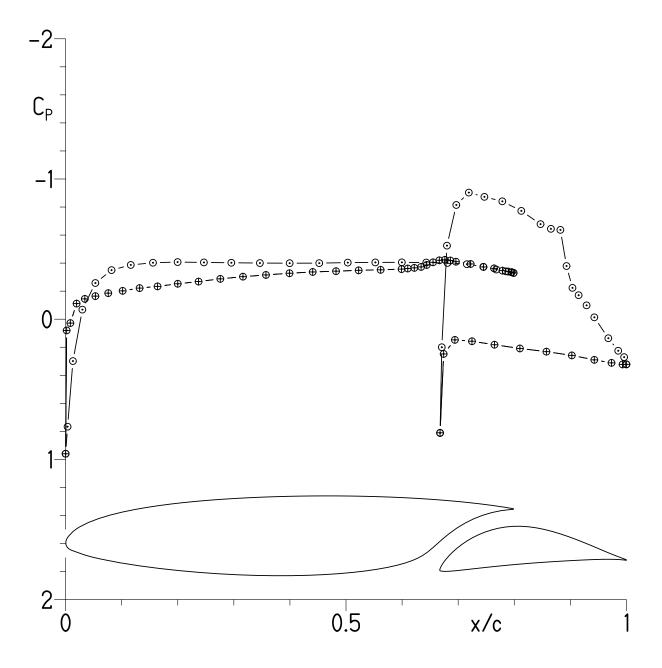
(b) $\alpha = -3.07^{\circ}$; $c_l = 0.056$; $c_d = 0.00618$; $c_m = -0.1221$.

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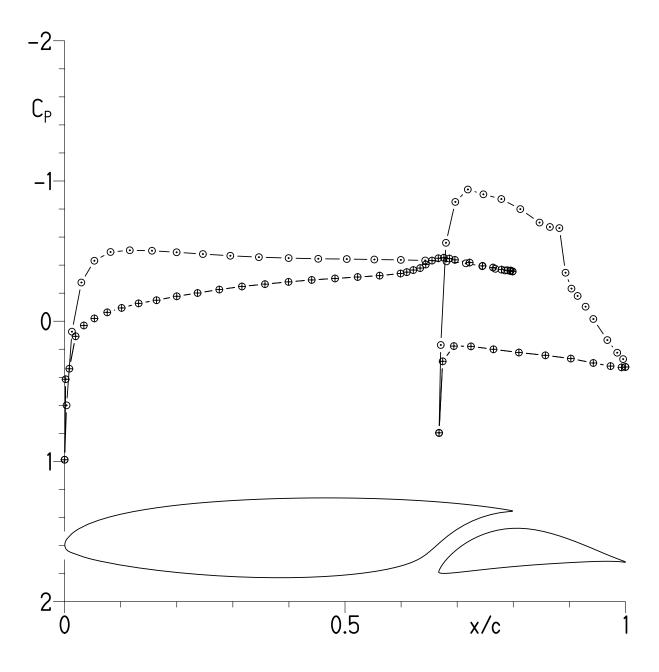
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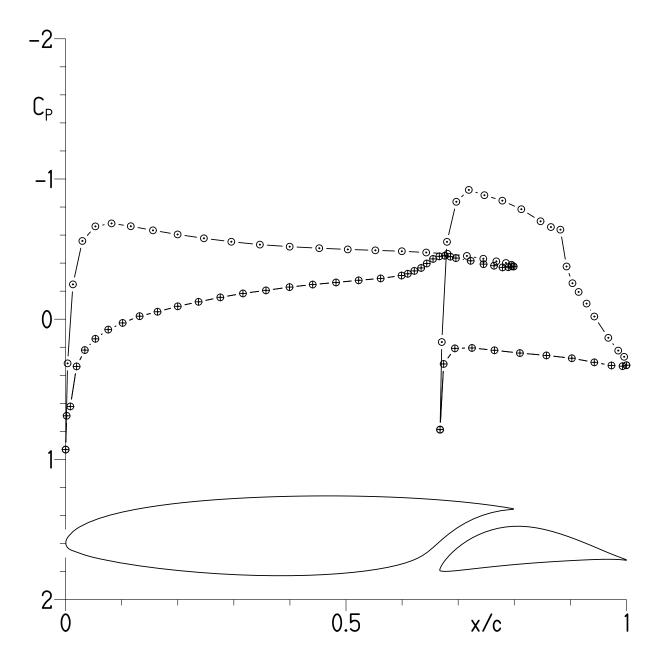
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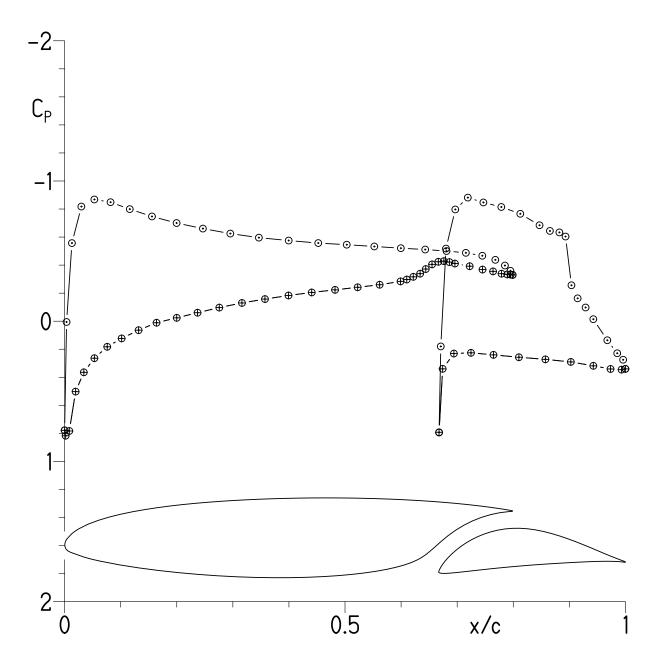
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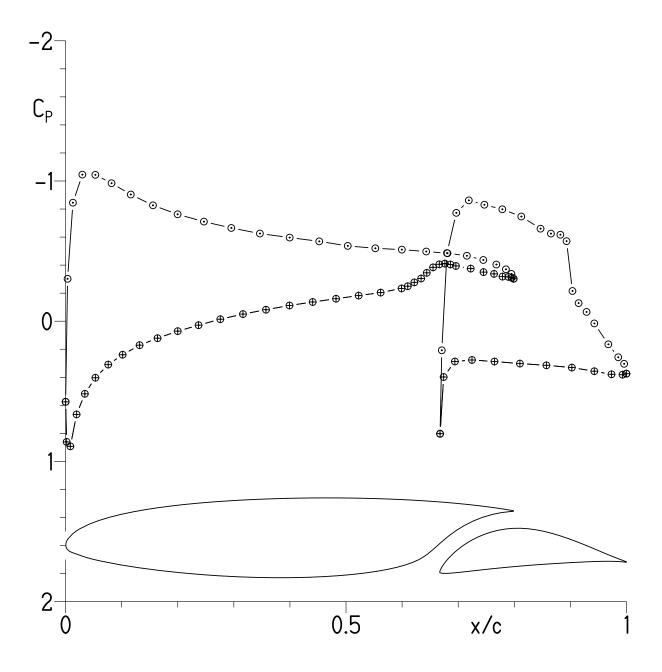
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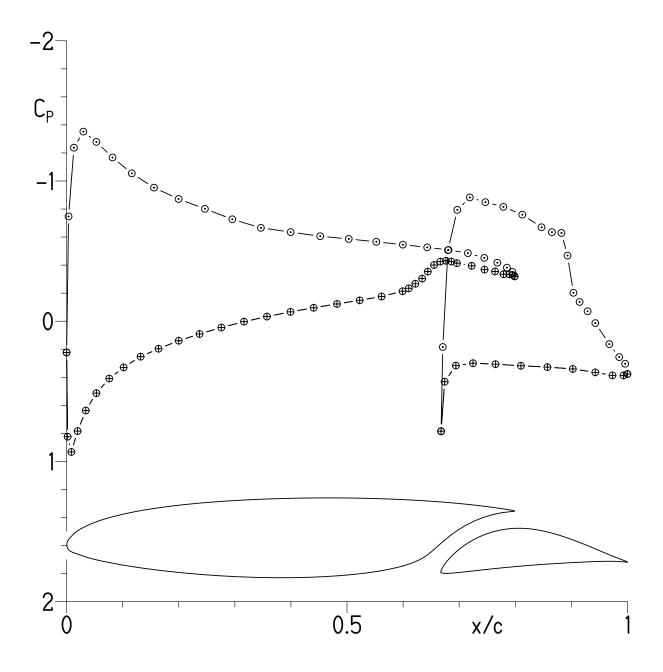
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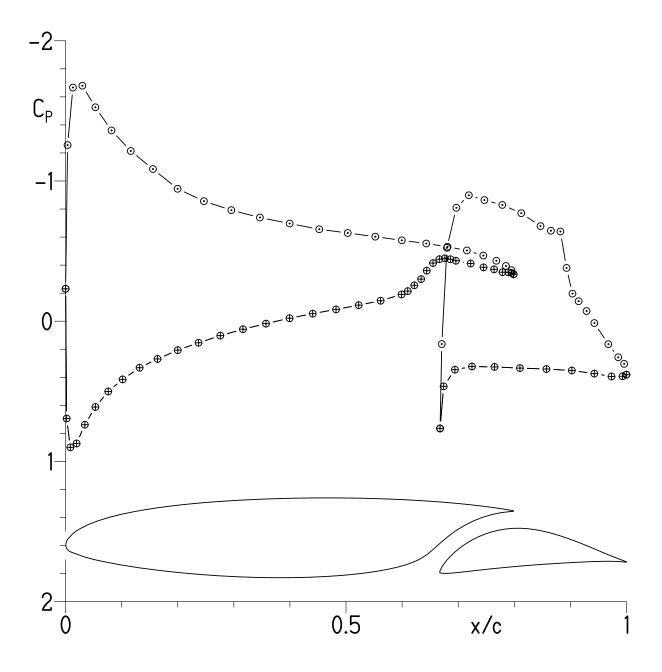
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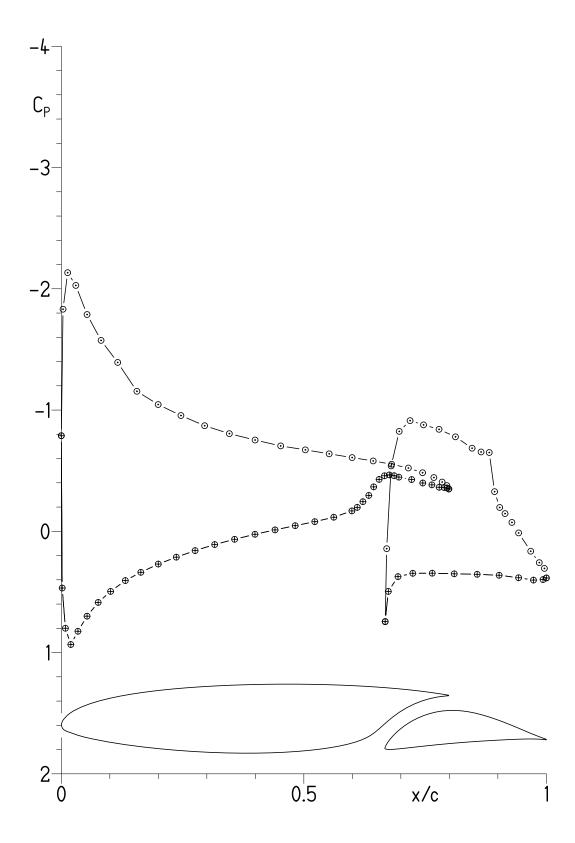
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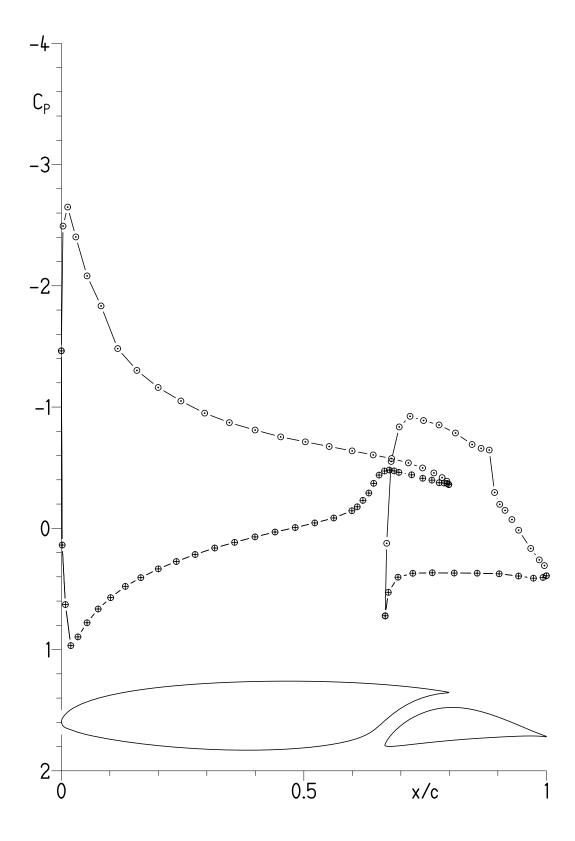
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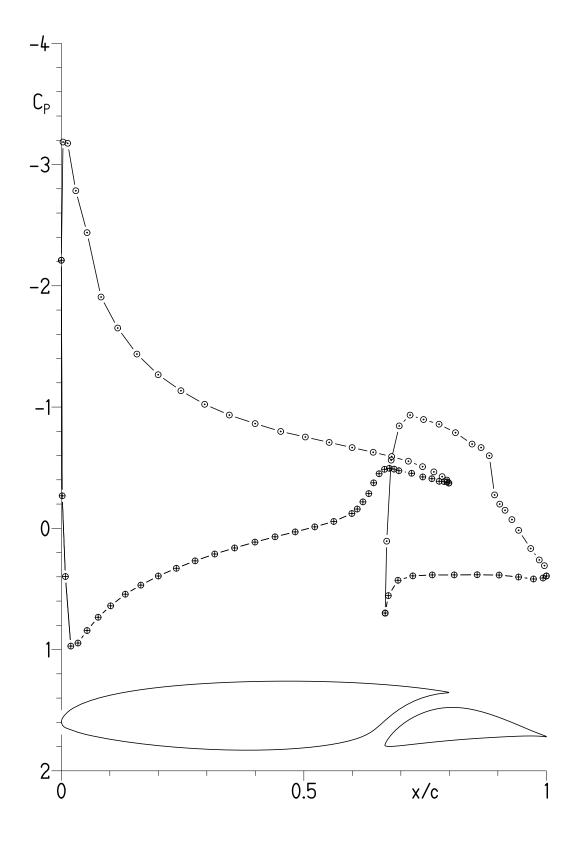
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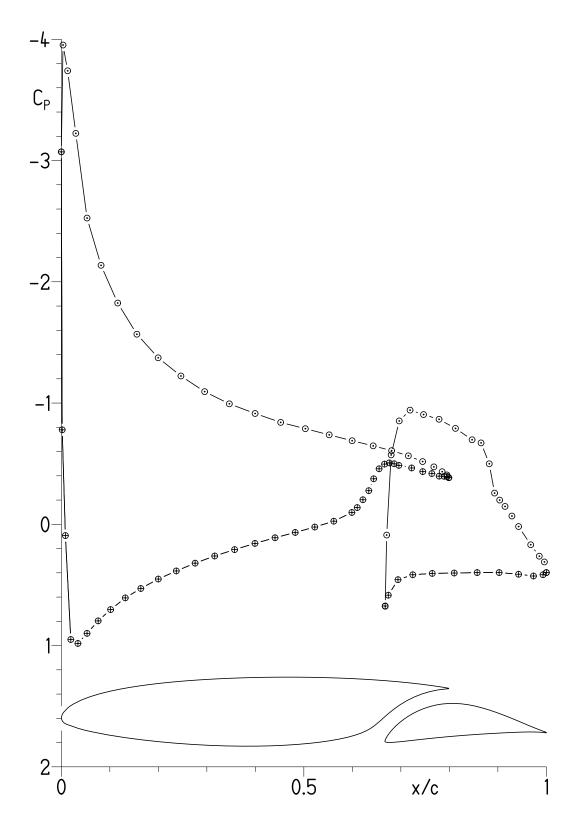
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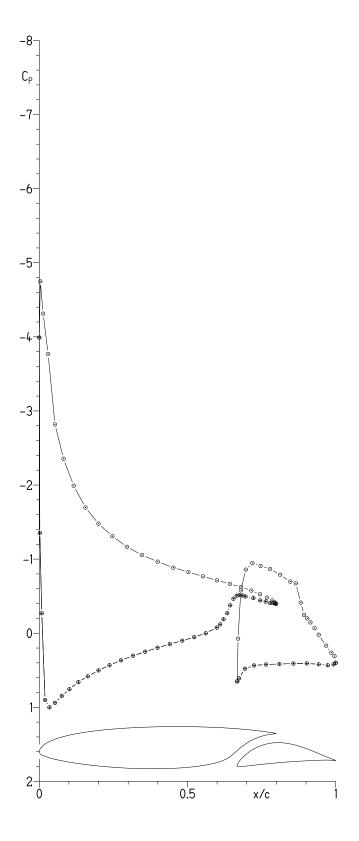
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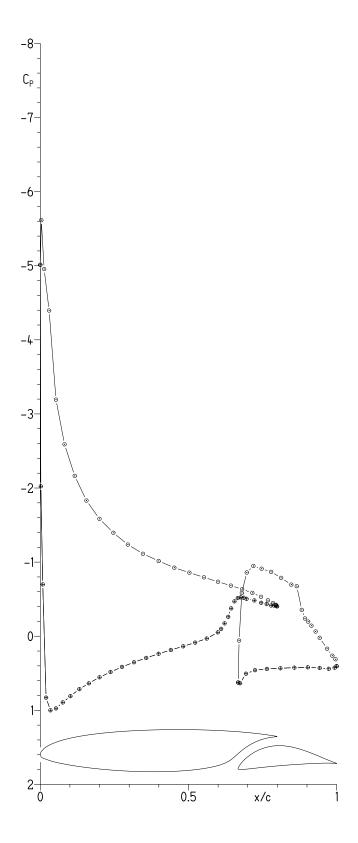
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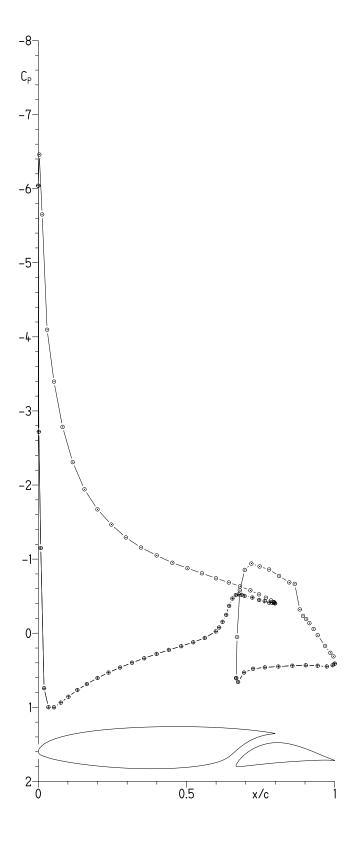
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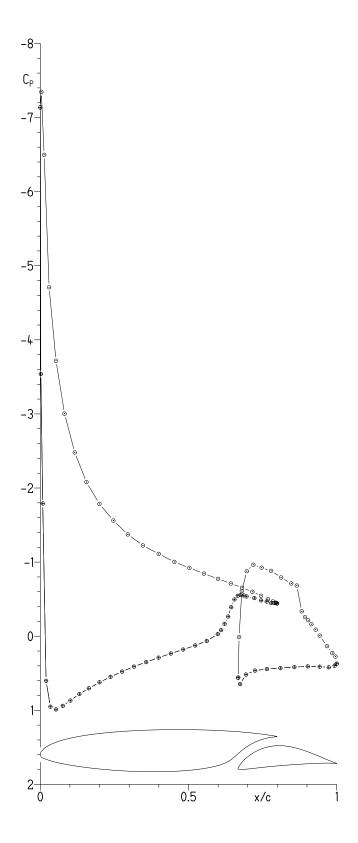
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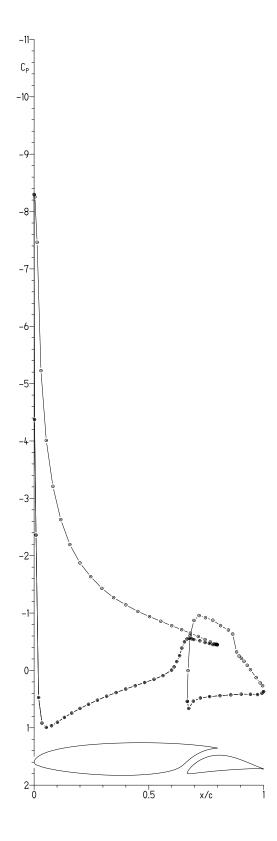
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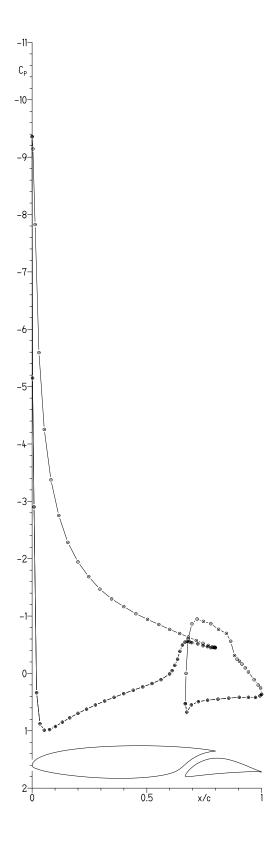
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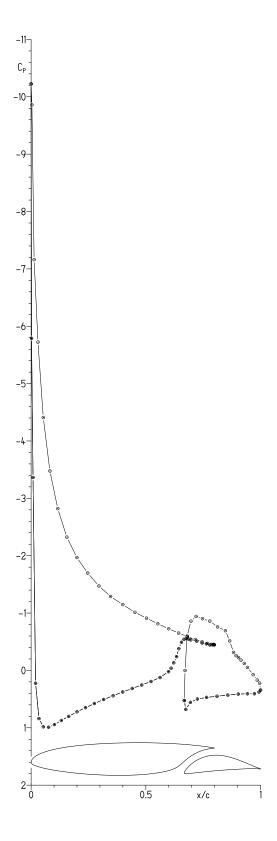
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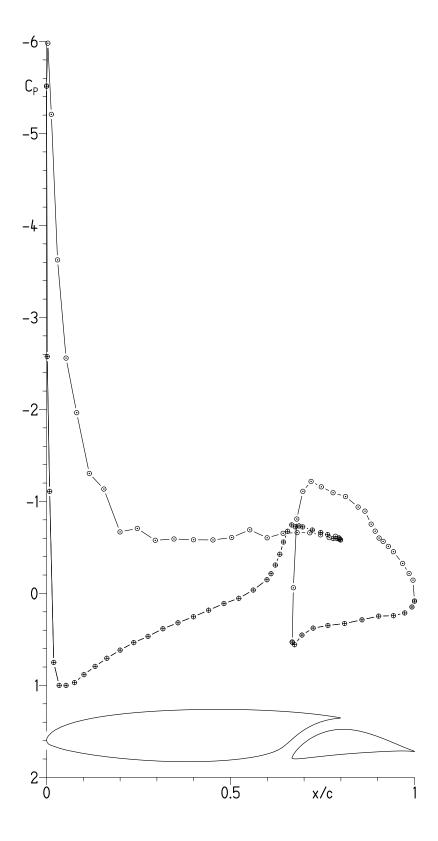
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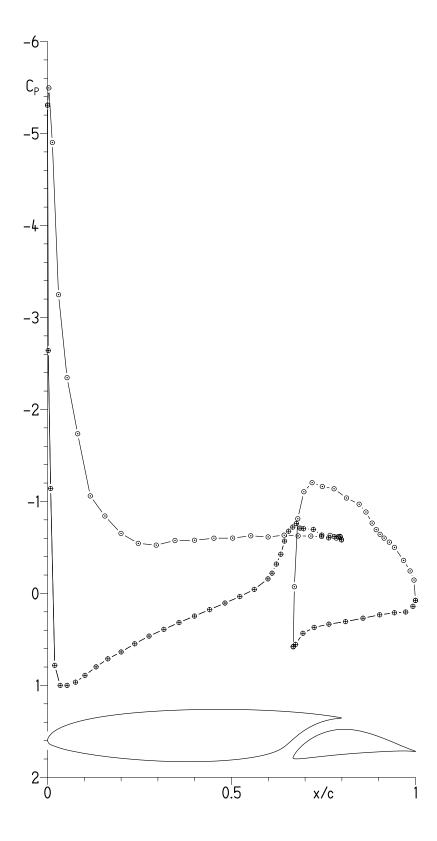
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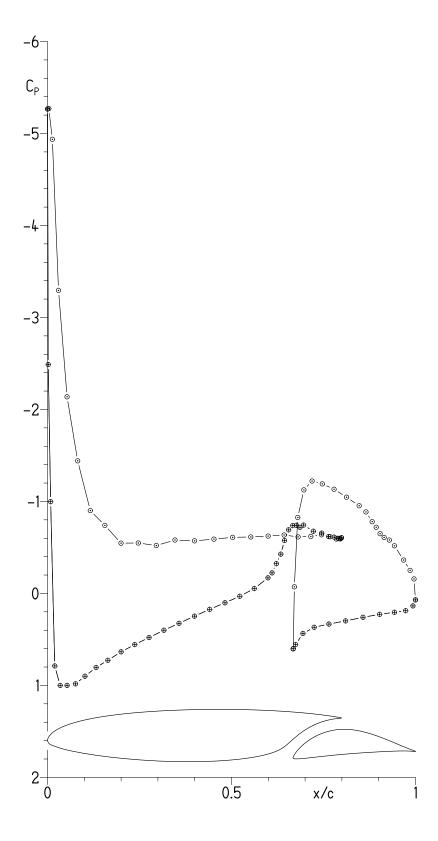
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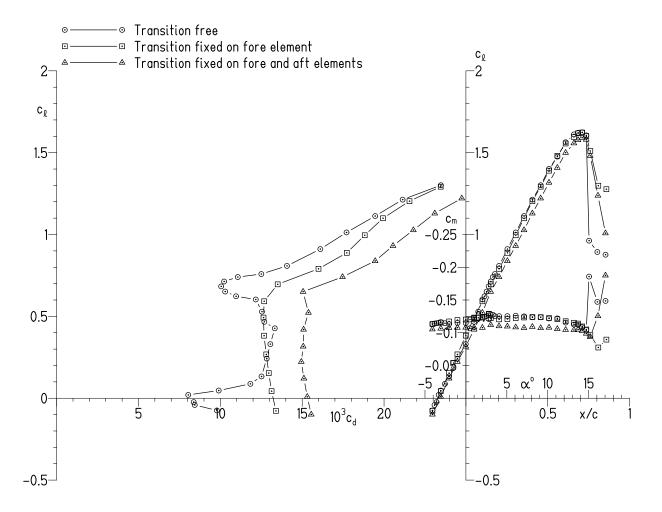
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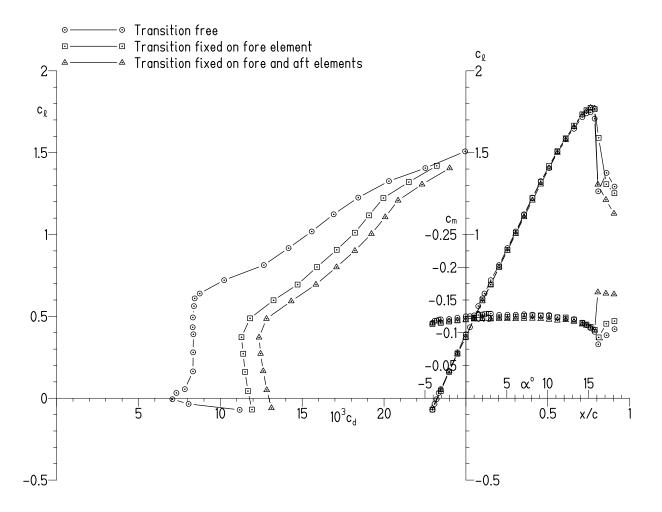
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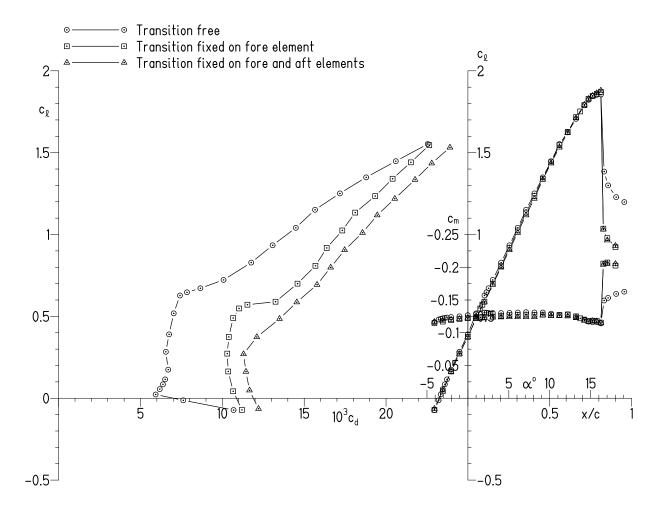
(a) $R = 0.50 \times 10^6$ and M = 0.05.

Figure 8.- Experimental section characteristics with transition free, with transition fixed on fore element, and with transition fixed on fore and aft elements.



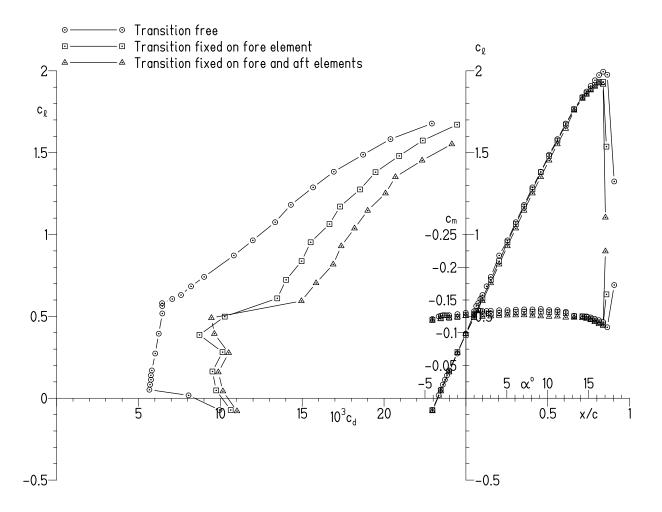
(b)
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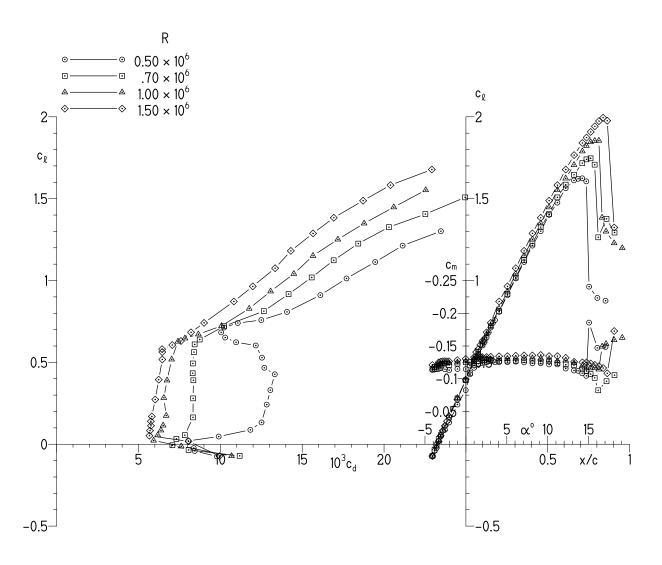
(c) $R = 1.00 \times 10^6$ and M = 0.10.

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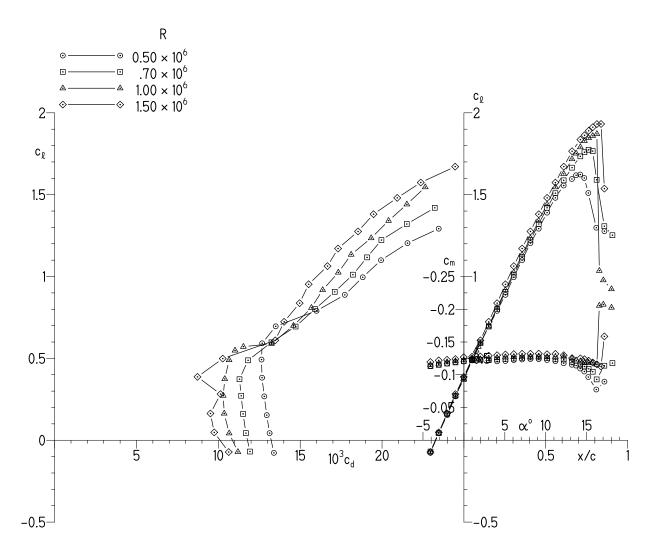
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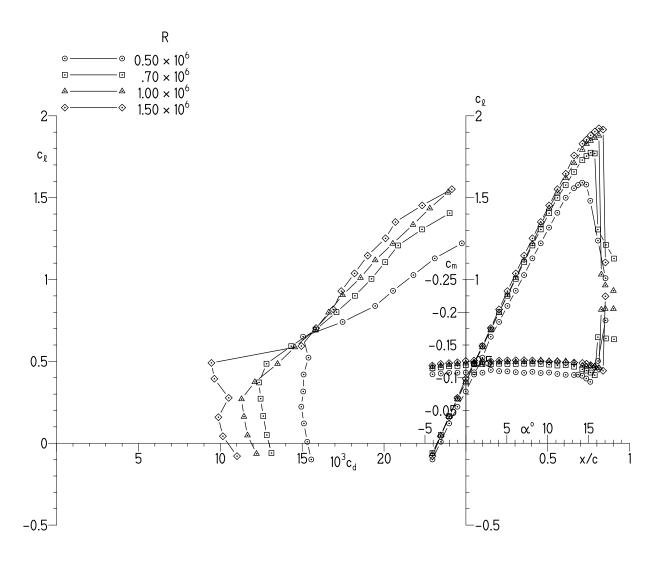
(a) Transition free.

Figure 9.- Effects of Reynolds number on experimental section characteristics.



(b) Transition fixed on fore element.

Figure 9.- Continued.



(c) Transition fixed on fore and aft elements.

Figure 9.- Concluded.

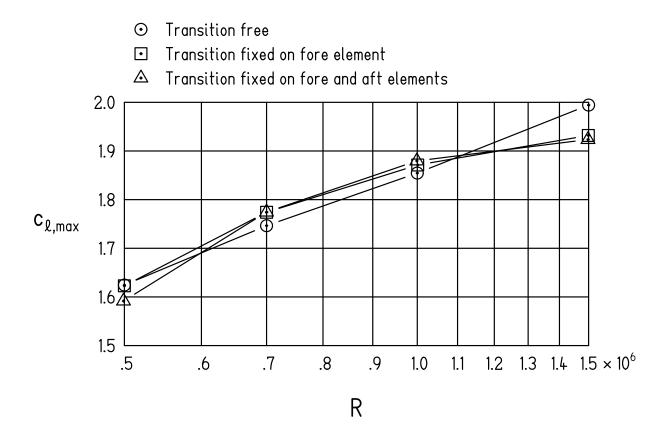


Figure 10.- Variation of experimental maximum lift coefficient with Reynolds number.

- ⊙ Transition free
- Transition fixed on fore element
- △ Transition fixed on fore and aft elements

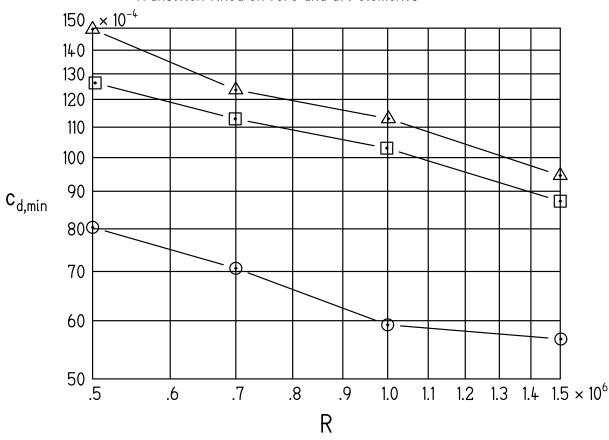


Figure 11.- Variation of experimental minimum profile-drag coefficient with Reynolds number.

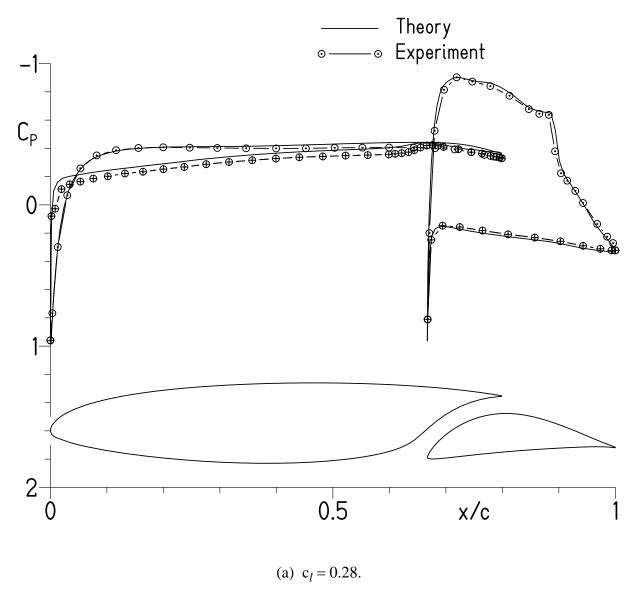


Figure 12.- Comparison of theoretical and experimental pressure distributions for $R=1.00\times 10^6\ \ \text{and}\ \ M=0.10.$

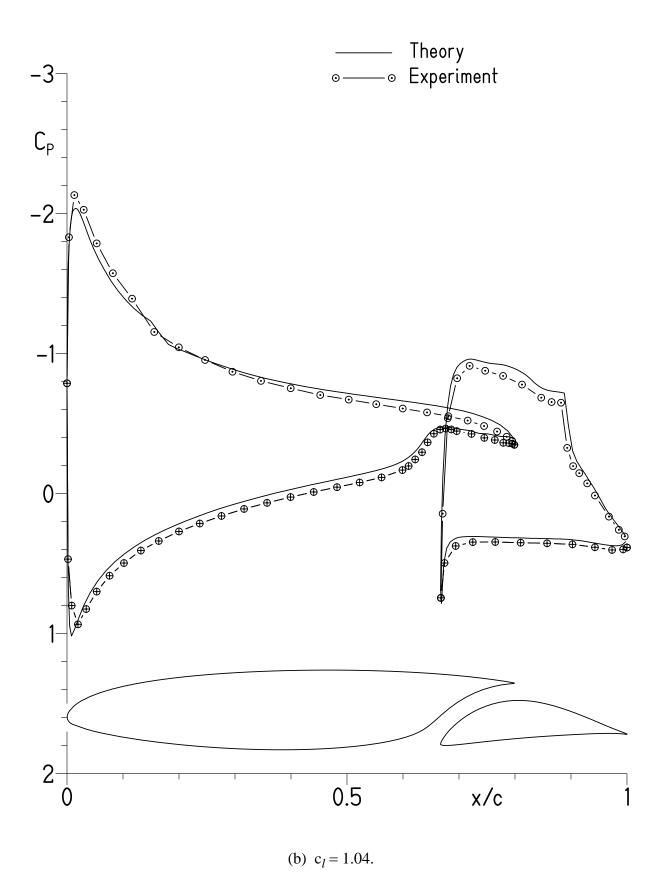


Figure 12.- Continued.

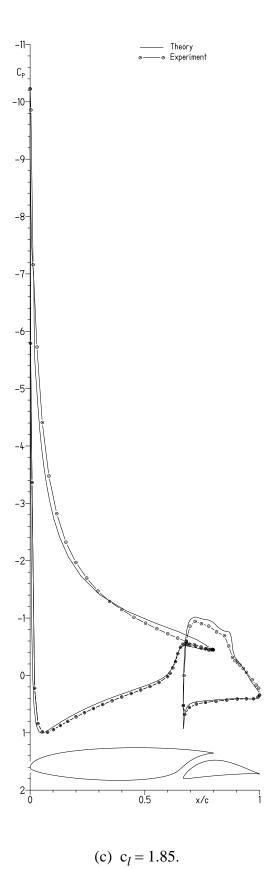
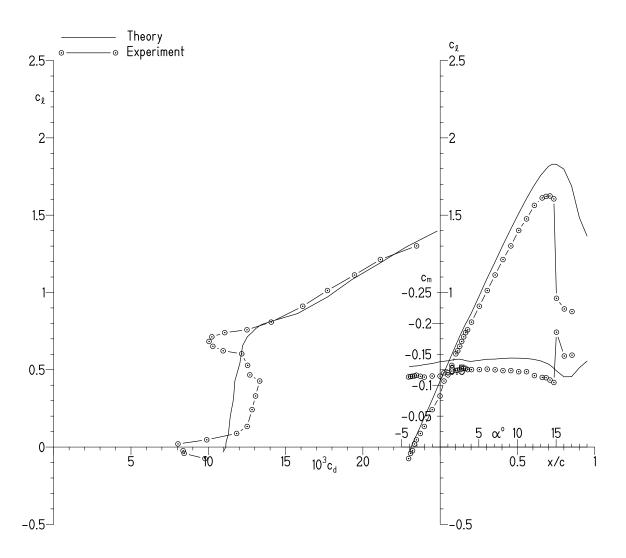
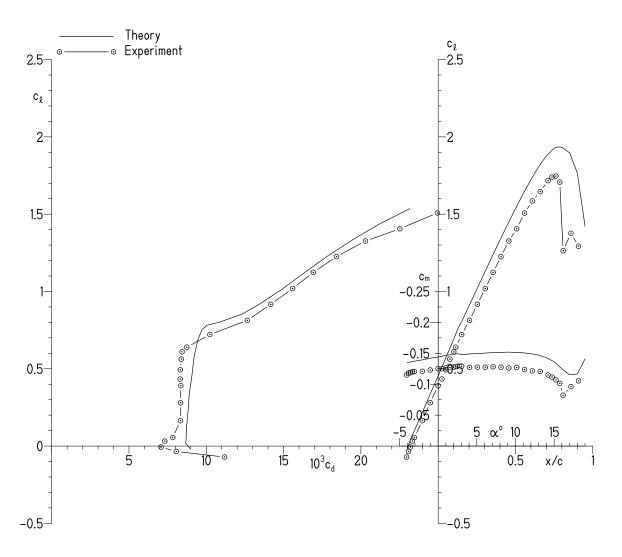


Figure 12.- Concluded.



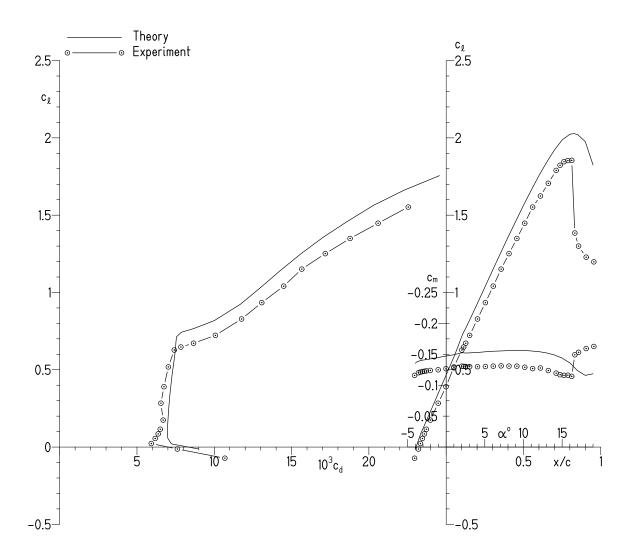
(a)
$$R = 0.50 \times 10^6$$
 and $M = 0.05$.

Figure 13.- Comparison of theoretical and experimental section characteristics with transition free.



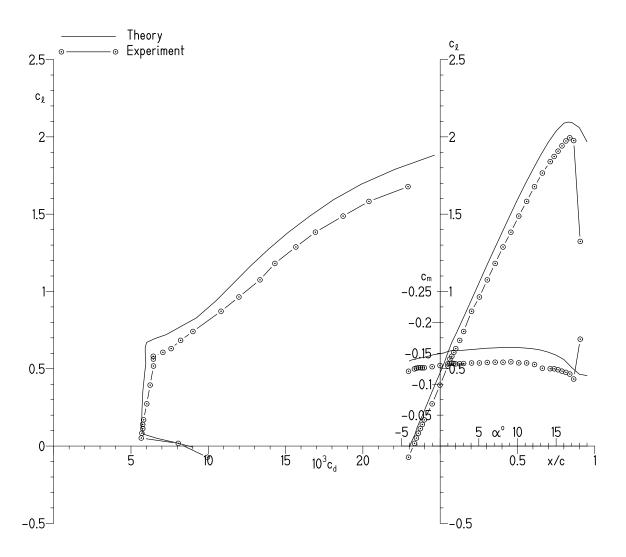
(b)
$$R = 0.70 \times 10^6$$
 and $M = 0.07$.

Figure 13.- Continued.



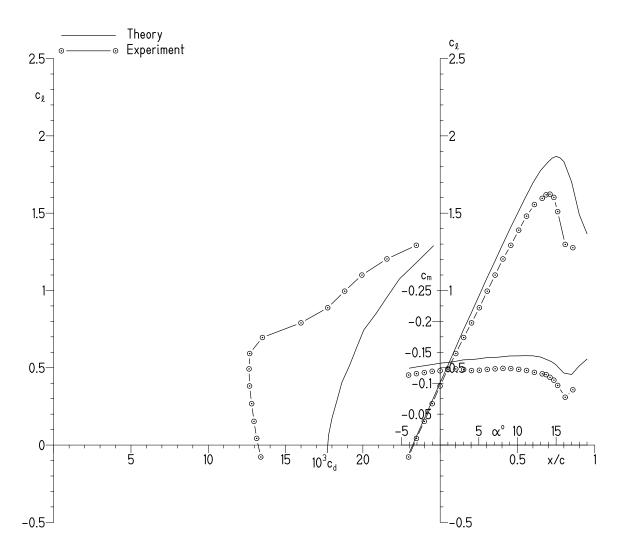
(c) $R = 1.00 \times 10^6$ and M = 0.10.

Figure 13.- Continued.



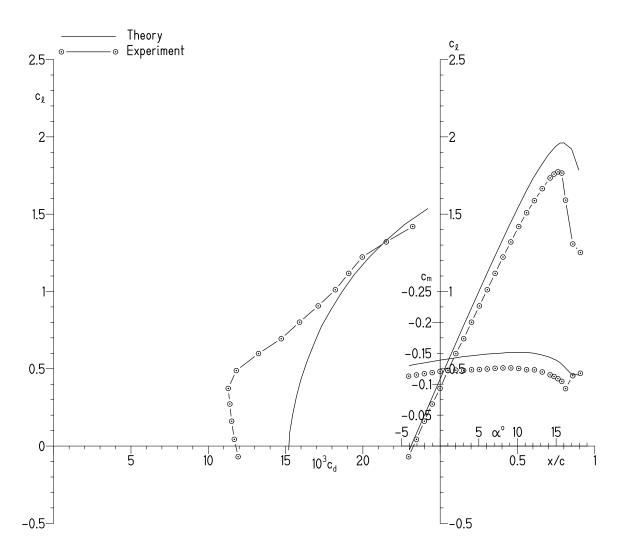
(d)
$$R = 1.50 \times 10^6$$
 and $M = 0.17$.

Figure 13.- Concluded.



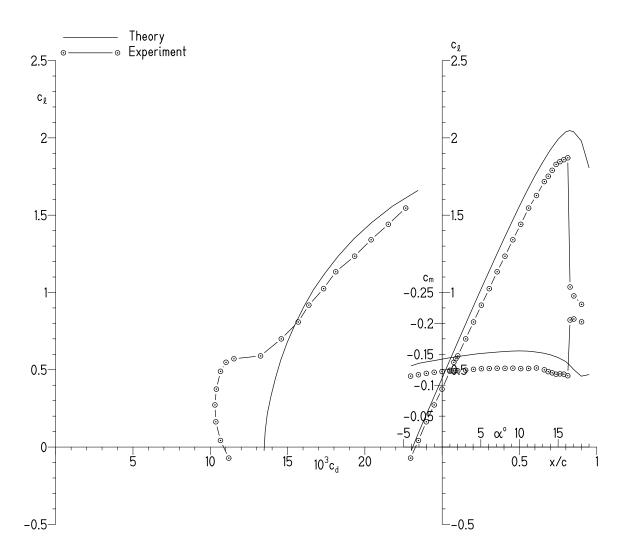
(a)
$$R = 0.50 \times 10^6$$
 and $M = 0.05$.

Figure 14.- Comparison of theoretical and experimental section characteristics with transition fixed on fore element.



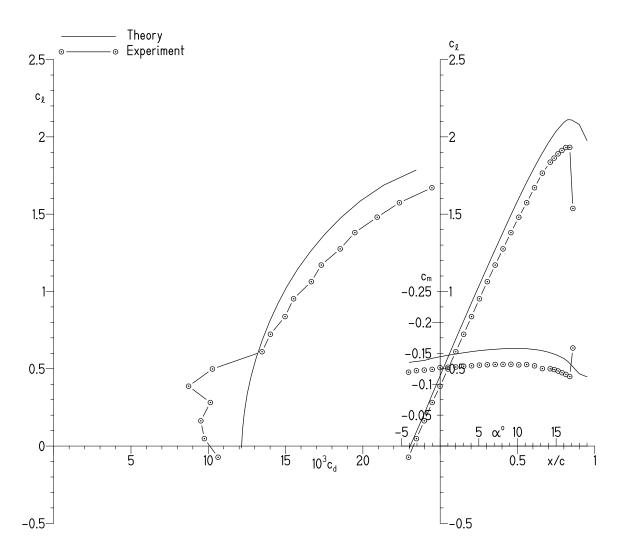
(b)
$$R = 0.70 \times 10^6$$
 and $M = 0.07$.

Figure 14.- Continued.



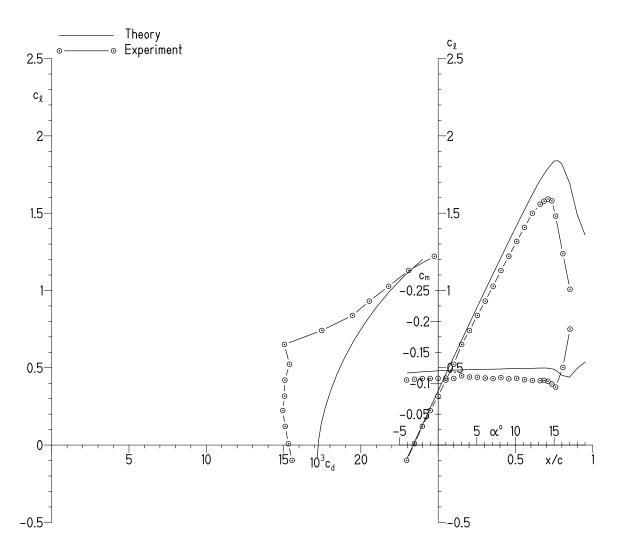
(c) $R = 1.00 \times 10^6$ and M = 0.10.

Figure 14.- Continued.



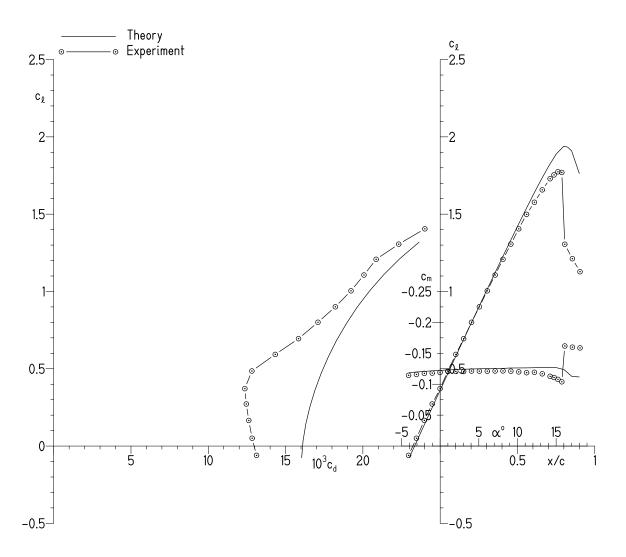
(d)
$$R = 1.50 \times 10^6$$
 and $M = 0.16$.

Figure 14.- Concluded.



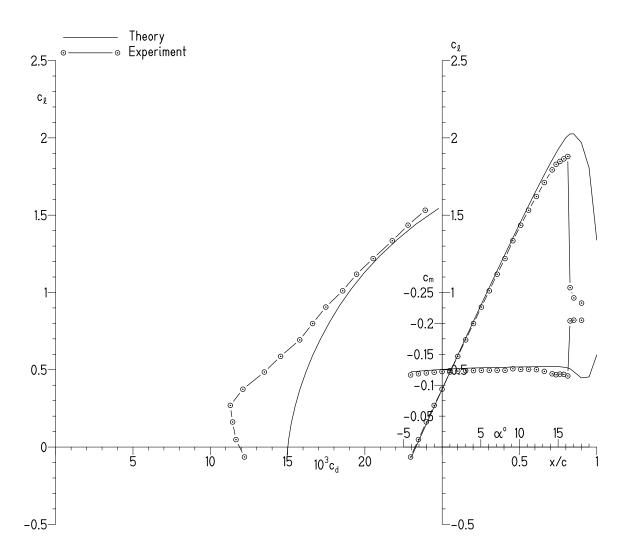
(a)
$$R = 0.50 \times 10^6$$
 and $M = 0.05$.

Figure 15.- Comparison of theoretical and experimental section characteristics with transition fixed on fore and aft elements.



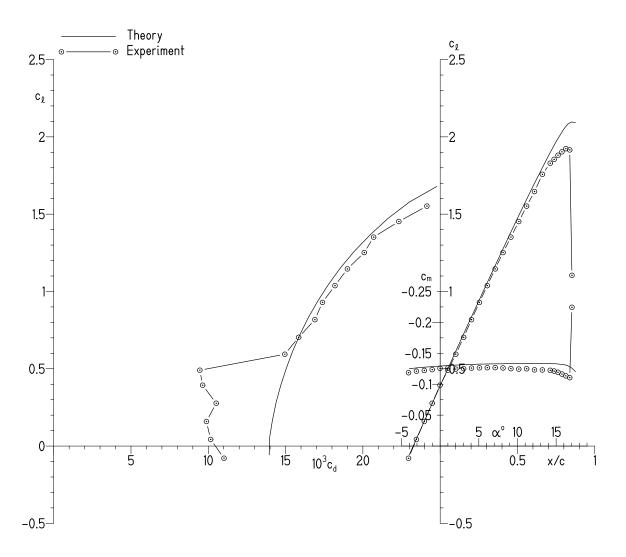
(b)
$$R = 0.70 \times 10^6$$
 and $M = 0.07$.

Figure 15.- Continued.



(c) $R = 1.00 \times 10^6$ and M = 0.10.

Figure 15.- Continued.



(d)
$$R = 1.50 \times 10^6$$
 and $M = 0.16$.

Figure 15.- Concluded.

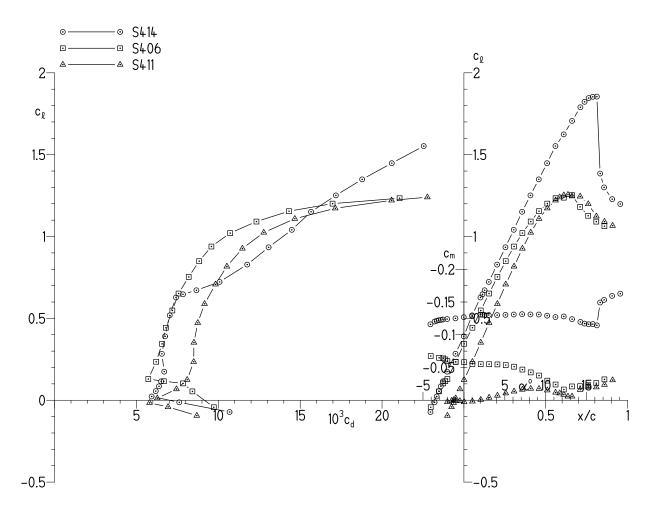


Figure 16.- Comparison of experimental section characteristics of S414, S406, and S411 airfoils for $R = 1.0 \times 10^6$ and M = 0.1 with transition free.

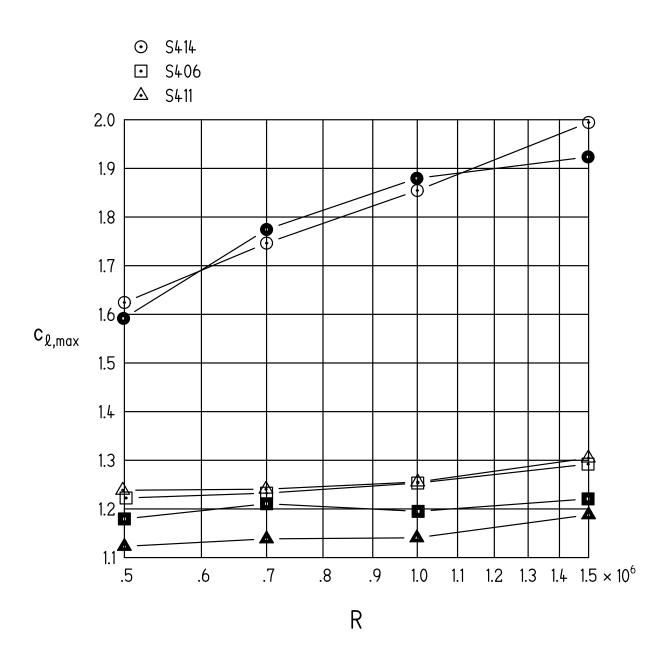


Figure 17.- Comparison of experimental maximum lift coefficients of S414, S406, and S411 airfoils. Open symbols represent data with transition free; solid symbols, data with transition fixed.

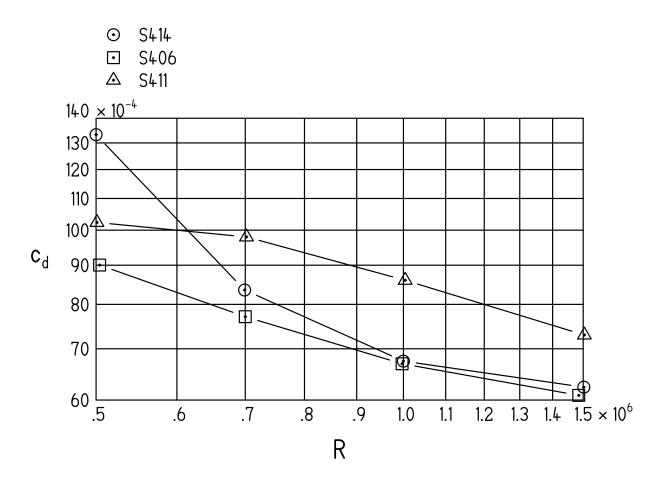


Figure 18.- Comparison of experimental profile-drag coefficients at $c_l = 0.4$ of S414, S406, and S411 airfoils with transition free.

<u>APPENDIX</u>

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION CHARACTERISTICS

 $R = 0.50 \times 10^6$, M = 0.05, transition free

α , deg	\mathbf{c}_l	c_{d}	$c_{\rm m}$
-4.090	-0.0744	0.009787	-0.11343
-3.835	0412	.008436	11410
-3.582	0236	.008371	11458
-3.325	.0203	.008038	11504
-3.071	.0470	.009898	11624
-2.563	.0879	.011833	11452
-2.055	.1332	.012514	11314
-1.037	.2422	.012832	11492
022	.3305	.013054	11469
.491	.4271	.013325	12017
.997	.4668	.012687	12030
1.506	.5287	.012541	12289
2.018	.6032	.012163	12393
2.271	.6228	.010961	12440
2.526	.6516	.010294	12501
2.780	.6832	.010049	12656
3.035	.7130	.010229	12727
3.289	.7402	.011066	12744
3.544	.7586	.012502	12528
4.052	.8083	.014069	12533
5.070	.9109	.016107	12538
6.087	1.0126	.017706	12607
7.105	1.1130	.019457	12501
8.123	1.2132	.021134	12359
9.138	1.3012	.023471	12362
10.156	1.4011	.025849	12187
11.169	1.4758	.028733	12190
12.188	1.5635	.032368	11557
13.199	1.6117	.037185	11256
13.701	1.6215	.041285	11214
14.204	1.6244	.045975	10837
14.705	1.6056	.052214	10445
15.043	.9624	.203635	18575
16.057	.8935	.197284	14720
17.053	.8766	.216449	14859

 $R = 0.50 \times 10^6$, M = 0.05, transition fixed on fore element

α, deg	\mathbf{c}_l	c_d	$c_{\rm m}$
-4.090	-0.0771	0.013394	-0.11326
-3.071	.0433	.013130	11547
-2.054	.1533	.012957	11720
-1.036	.2678	.012805	11934
017	.3820	.012668	12014
1.001	.4926	.012636	12199
2.017	.5922	.012677	12314
3.035	.6958	.013503	12210
4.053	.7905	.015995	12047
5.069	.8881	.017724	12096
6.086	.9955	.018820	12237
7.103	1.0995	.019935	12331
8.121	1.2038	.021553	12403
9.136	1.2921	.023460	12379
10.154	1.3900	.025496	12246
11.171	1.4808	.027957	12063
12.186	1.5560	.031483	11756
13.194	1.5958	.037280	11523
13.699	1.6185	.040601	11394
14.203	1.6229	.045835	10956
14.704	1.6019	.053399	10496
15.195	1.5102	_	09650
16.172	1.2980	_	07741
17.161	1.2767	.030607	08948

 $R = 0.50 \times 10^6$, M = 0.05, transition fixed on fore and aft elements

α, deg	c_l	c_{d}	$c_{\rm m}$
-4.089	-0.0991	0.015552	-0.10530
-3.071	.0089	.015309	10643
-2.053	.1209	.015104	10754
-1.036	.2230	.014946	10777
020	.3163	.015064	10798
.998	.4198	.015084	10826
2.016	.5228	.015382	10770
3.035	.6507	.015054	11195
4.051	.7409	.017465	11013
5.068	.8385	.019457	10971
6.085	.9311	.020548	10841
7.102	1.0271	.021792	10748
8.118	1.1292	.023098	10912
9.135	1.2211	.024749	10723
10.151	1.3172	.026665	10793
11.168	1.4079	.029120	10581
12.185	1.4994	.032316	10450
13.195	1.5577	.037478	10421
13.699	1.5773	.040984	10476
14.202	1.5916	.046306	10304
14.704	1.5801	.053833	09875
15.191	1.4809		09378
16.130	1.2379	.045742	12557
17.050	1.0081	.170539	18757

 $R = 0.70 \times 10^6$, M = 0.07, transition free

α , deg	\mathbf{c}_l	c_d	$c_{\rm m}$
-4.091	-0.0710	0.011180	-0.11503
-3.837	0349	.008060	11819
-3.582	0062	.007070	11851
-3.327	.0323	.007315	12016
-3.073	.0555	.007831	12039
-2.055	.1640	.008328	12090
-1.036	.2803	.008337	12304
019	.3907	.008353	12515
.488	.4337	.008310	12522
.998	.4934	.008321	12643
1.509	.5626	.008386	12699
2.017	.6098	.008431	12787
2.271	.6395	.008739	12859
3.035	.7212	.010232	12913
4.052	.8132	.012657	12725
5.069	.9170	.014167	12757
6.087	1.0187	.015580	12754
7.104	1.1236	.016922	12820
8.122	1.2255	.018425	12761
9.140	1.3261	.020298	12627
10.153	1.4056	.022522	12707
11.173	1.5078	.024951	12388
12.188	1.5854	.028236	12164
13.199	1.6459	.032081	12079
14.216	1.7170	.037471	11504
14.722	1.7400	.041355	11157
15.227	1.7464	.046946	10708
15.725	1.7076	.055195	10138
16.163	1.2639		08234
17.174	1.3765	.032878	09618
18.154	1.2928	.065443	10549

 $R = 0.70 \times 10^6$, M = 0.07, transition fixed on fore element

α , deg	c_l	c_{d}	$c_{\rm m}$
-4.089	-0.0691	0.011930	-0.11304
-3.071	.0434	.011684	11505
-2.053	.1608	.011509	11709
-1.035	.2717	.011395	11880
019	.3727	.011291	12077
1.000	.4883	.011814	12254
2.018	.5982	.013248	12280
3.035	.6944	.014718	12236
4.053	.8013	.015904	12335
5.070	.9066	.017110	12387
6.088	1.0112	.018219	12465
7.105	1.1170	.019083	12582
8.123	1.2227	.019960	12643
9.139	1.3205	.021511	12641
10.157	1.4198	.023220	12551
11.174	1.5090	.025508	12351
12.187	1.5876	.028232	12329
13.203	1.6649	.031549	11988
14.218	1.7342	.036451	11529
14.725	1.7593	.039557	11256
15.230	1.7740	.044457	10899
15.732	1.7660	.051539	10458
16.213	1.5908	.064317	09289
17.151	1.3073	.050516	11378
18.139	1.2523	.078973	11773

 $R = 0.70 \times 10^6$, M = 0.07, transition fixed on fore and aft elements

α , deg	c_l	c_{d}	c_{m}
-4.088	-0.0600	0.013121	-0.11449
-3.070	.0506	.012836	11581
-2.052	.1658	.012619	11760
-1.034	.2722	.012458	11802
018	.3714	.012365	11911
1.001	.4856	.012820	12049
2.019	.5928	.014331	12085
3.036	.6945	.015837	12054
4.054	.8007	.017095	12138
5.071	.9008	.018217	12117
6.089	1.0042	.019231	12112
7.106	1.1064	.020070	12142
8.123	1.2080	.020856	12158
9.140	1.3061	.022318	12114
10.158	1.4052	.024007	11999
11.175	1.4991	.026330	11866
12.188	1.5770	.028912	11934
13.204	1.6574	.032401	11688
14.219	1.7294	.037301	11281
14.725	1.7541	.040777	11087
15.231	1.7744	.045552	10791
15.733	1.7699	.052740	10399
16.118	1.3055	.081579	16188
17.104	1.2119	.113903	15994
18.090	1.1279	.127516	15876

 $R = 1.00 \times 10^6$, M = 0.10, transition free

α , deg	c_l	c_{d}	$c_{\rm m}$
-4.092	-0.0721	0.010685	-0.11592
-3.585	0127	.007612	12018
-3.329	.0229	.005923	12127
-3.074	.0556	.006177	12211
-2.819	.0851	.006370	12265
-2.565	.1151	.006505	12325
-2.055	.1745	.006692	12395
-1.037	.2837	.006549	12501
020	.3903	.006745	12682
1.001	.5185	.007029	12815
2.018	.6275	.007410	13079
2.271	.6471	.007838	13057
2.526	.6717	.008658	13028
3.035	.7227	.010072	13009
4.053	.8285	.011763	13000
5.071	.9342	.013071	13036
6.089	1.0410	.014489	13088
7.107	1.1511	.015660	13139
8.125	1.2512	.017178	13099
9.142	1.3492	.018784	13090
10.160	1.4479	.020594	12911
11.179	1.5525	.022545	12696
12.191	1.6239	.025368	12792
13.208	1.7063	.028233	12381
14.225	1.7896	.032488	11955
14.733	1.8228	.035245	11703
15.238	1.8457	.038226	11600
15.739	1.8534	.042815	11628
16.241	1.8546	.048295	11433
16.640	1.3846	.052281	14921
17.123	1.3000	.083066	15321
18.108	1.2284	.113944	15931
19.101	1.1982	.139756	16266

 $R = 1.00 \times 10^6$, M = 0.10, transition fixed on fore element

α, deg	c_l	c_d	c_{m}
-4.091	-0.0713	0.011195	-0.11476
-3.073	.0426	.010660	11700
-2.054	.1635	.010359	11923
-1.036	.2726	.010300	12092
020	.3746	.010393	12219
.999	.4900	.010661	12421
1.509	.5484	.011019	12330
1.763	.5712	.011531	12405
2.016	.5896	.013250	12337
3.035	.6998	.014591	12441
4.052	.8091	.015685	12574
5.070	.9180	.016374	12679
6.088	1.0246	.017328	12703
7.107	1.1339	.018114	12745
8.124	1.2347	.019336	12737
9.142	1.3408	.020400	12759
10.160	1.4410	.021516	12688
11.178	1.5459	.022639	12717
12.191	1.6271	.025014	12796
13.209	1.7173	.027820	12500
13.717	1.7518	.029901	12200
14.225	1.7902	.032026	12007
14.733	1.8284	.034239	11783
15.236	1.8464	.037268	11838
15.739	1.8591	.040701	11798
16.243	1.8712	.045411	11539
16.543	1.0355	.211458	20557
17.032	.9777	.252899	20716
18.026	.9233	.267834	20256

 $R = 1.00 \times 10^6$, M = 0.10, transition fixed on fore and aft elements

α , deg	c_l	c_{d}	$c_{\rm m}$
-4.091	-0.0644	0.012210	-0.11666
-3.073	.0484	.011660	11851
-2.054	.1624	.011442	11989
-1.037	.2696	.011294	12097
020	.3740	.012108	12208
.998	.4852	.013495	12376
2.016	.5866	.014547	12285
3.034	.6934	.015784	12345
4.052	.7991	.016619	12366
5.070	.9056	.017471	12403
6.088	1.0108	.018563	12416
7.107	1.1181	.019462	12415
8.124	1.2193	.020534	12407
9.142	1.3349	.021773	12664
10.160	1.4350	.022793	12554
11.176	1.5318	.023902	12575
12.192	1.6208	.025952	12517
13.210	1.7111	.028818	12245
14.227	1.7931	.032476	11856
14.734	1.8290	.034809	11697
15.237	1.8477	.037643	11800
15.740	1.8643	.041191	11763
16.245	1.8796	.045431	11504
16.544	1.0311	.241072	20402
17.031	.9649	.252464	20525
18.026	.9314	.270051	20516

 $R = 1.50 \times 10^6$, M = 0.17, transition free

α, deg	\mathbf{c}_l	c_d	c_{m}
-4.096	-0.0722	0.009946	-0.12102
-3.333	.0176	.008056	12487
-3.078	.0519	.005665	12607
-2.823	.0829	.005703	12673
-2.568	.1129	.005761	12679
-2.313	.1401	.005755	12655
-2.058	.1698	.005814	12671
-1.042	.2732	.006022	12840
022	.3943	.006237	13036
.997	.5177	.006455	13290
1.255	.5631	.006450	13375
1.507	.5808	.006441	13410
1.762	.6061	.007062	13361
2.017	.6305	.007594	13302
2.526	.6836	.008208	13312
3.036	.7412	.009008	13359
4.058	.8719	.010824	13439
5.074	.9643	.011980	13445
6.092	1.0752	.013345	13522
7.110	1.1812	.014307	13566
8.129	1.2879	.015663	13562
9.145	1.3835	.016930	13632
10.164	1.4877	.018719	13462
11.181	1.5826	.020391	13451
12.199	1.6779	.022919	13198
13.218	1.7662	.025211	12586
14.232	1.8402	.028719	12502
14.738	1.8732	.030864	12495
15.245	1.9076	.033540	12338
15.753	1.9421	.036374	12117
16.260	1.9738	.040197	11913
16.765	1.9944	.044550	11638
17.269	1.9760	.052555	10836
18.117	1.3241	.130468	17286

 $R = 1.50 \times 10^6$, M = 0.16, transition fixed on fore element

α , deg	\mathbf{c}_l	c_{d}	$c_{\rm m}$
-4.095	-0.0722	0.010633	-0.11946
-3.076	.0479	.009748	12197
-2.057	.1634	.009517	12286
-1.037	.2817	.010133	12404
021	.3871	.008724	12683
.998	.4986	.010268	12748
2.017	.6101	.013476	12791
3.036	.7233	.014018	12906
4.055	.8374	.014964	12988
5.074	.9527	.015516	13089
6.093	1.0636	.016666	13154
7.111	1.1709	.017312	13203
8.129	1.2754	.018532	13207
9.147	1.3807	.019479	13225
10.165	1.4803	.020925	13136
11.181	1.5741	.022363	13187
12.200	1.6711	.024465	12982
13.218	1.7654	.025727	12533
14.231	1.8364	.028878	12505
14.737	1.8627	.032356	12377
15.243	1.8903	.036433	12143
15.749	1.9122	.041617	11871
16.255	1.9312	.047183	11590
16.758	1.9319	.054215	11253
17.163	1.5369	.064182	15858

 $R = 1.50 \times 10^6$, M = 0.16, transition fixed on fore and aft elements

α , deg	c_l	c_{d}	$c_{\rm m}$
-4.096	-0.0788	0.011017	-0.11863
-3.076	.0429	.010155	12110
-2.057	.1590	.009879	12232
-1.038	.2770	.010510	12363
019	.3938	.009635	12571
.997	.4906	.009455	12624
2.017	.5940	.014951	12445
3.035	.7034	.015847	12511
4.054	.8177	.016895	12613
5.073	.9293	.017386	12658
6.092	1.0378	.018196	12677
7.110	1.1461	.019000	12685
8.129	1.2518	.020089	12636
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A 14.22 percent thick, slotted, natural laminar flow (SNLF) airfoil, the S414, intended for rotorcraft applications has been designed and analyzed theoretically and verified experimentally in The Pennsylvania State University Low Speed, Low Turbulence Wind Tunnel. The two primary objectives of high maximum lift and low profile drag have been achieved. The constraint on the airfoil thickness has been satisfied. The airfoil exhibits an abrupt stall. Comparisons of the theoretical and experimental results show good agreement overall. Comparisons with the S406 and S411 airfoils, which have similar design specifications, confirm the achievement of the objectives.

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